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An Act To Limit the Duration of a Legal Alien's Driver's License

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative CEBRA of Naples. Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, GIFFORD of Lincoln, McCLELLAN of Raymond, PARRY of Arundel, PLUMMER of Windham, WILLETTE of Mapleton.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1301, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 648, §1, is repealed.
4	Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1301, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:
5 6	3-A. Proof of citizenship. An applicant for a license must provide proof of citizenship or documentation of legal residency in the United States.
7 8	Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1406, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 434, §22 and affected by §37, is amended to read:
9 10 11	1. Expiration of license; persons under 65 years of age. The Except as provided in subsection 2-A, the following provisions apply to the expiration of a license for persons under 65 years of age.
12 13 14	A. A noncommercial license to operate a motor vehicle issued to a person under 65 years of age expires at midnight on the license holder's 6th birthday following the date of issuance.
15 16 17	B. A commercial driver's license to operate a motor vehicle issued to a person under 65 years of age expires at midnight on the license holder's 5th birthday following the date of issuance.
18 19	Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §1406, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 434, §22 and affected by §37, is amended to read:
20 21 22 23	2. Expiration of license; persons 65 years of age and over. A Except as provided in subsection 2-A, a license to operate a motor vehicle issued to a person 65 years of age or older at the date of issuance expires at midnight on the license holder's 4th birthday following the date of issuance.
24	Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §1406, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:
25 26 27 28	2-A. Expiration of license; legal aliens. A license to operate a motor vehicle issued to a person residing in this country under a visa granted by the authority of the United States who is not a citizen of the United States expires in accordance with subsection 1 or 2 or upon expiration of the visa, whichever comes first.
29 30	Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §1410, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 648, §3, is amended to read:
31 32 33	8. Legal residency requirement. The Secretary of State may not issue a nondriver identification card to an applicant unless the applicant presents to the Secretary of State valid documentary evidence of legal presence residency in the United States.
34 35	Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §1410, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 648, §4, is amended to read:

1 9. Expiration of nondriver identification card; lawfully present noncitizens. 2 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a nondriver identification card issued to an 3 applicant a person residing in this country under a visa granted by the authority of the United States who is not a citizen or a legal permanent resident of the United States 4 expires coterminously with the applicant's authorized duration of stay or 6 years, 5 whichever is the shorter period of time from the date of the issuance or upon expiration of 6 the visa, whichever comes first. A nondriver identification card issued under this 7 subsection must be valid for a period of at least 120 days. 8

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SUMMARY

10 This bill requires an applicant for a driver's license or nondriver identification card to 11 provide proof of citizenship or documentation that the applicant is a legal resident of the 12 United States. The bill limits the duration of a legal alien's driver's license or nondriver 13 identification card to the duration of the visa granted to the legal alien by the authority of 14 the United States.