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**An Act To Waive Driver's License and Nondriver Identification
Card Fees for Current and Recently Discharged Members of the
Armed Forces**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative WILSON of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator PLUMMER of Cumberland and
Representatives: McCLELLAN of Raymond, McELWEE of Caribou, POULIOT of Augusta,
REED of Carmel, SANDERSON of Chelsea, WALLACE of Dexter, WINCHENBACH of
Waldoboro, Senator: HASKELL of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1255, sub-§1, ¶¶A and B**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683,
3 Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, are amended to read:

4 A. ~~Shall~~ **Must** receive a license or nondriver identification card on application to the
5 Secretary of State;

6 B. Is exempt from the payment of a fee for a license or nondriver identification card;

7 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1255, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and
8 affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

9 **2. After discharge.** The privileges of this section remain in effect for a period of ~~30~~
10 days 2 years after discharge or release from the Armed Forces.

11 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1406, sub-§§5 and 6**, as repealed and replaced by PL
12 2003, c. 434, §22 and affected by §37, are amended to read:

13 **5. Fee; 6-year license.** ~~The~~ Except as provided by section 1255, the fee for the
14 6-year noncommercial driver's license is \$30.

15 **6. Fee; 5-year license.** ~~The~~ Except as provided by section 1255, the fee for the
16 5-year commercial driver's license is \$34.

17 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §1406, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 434, §22 and
18 affected by §37, is amended to read:

19 **7. Fee; 4-year license.** ~~The~~ Except as provided by section 1255, the fee for the
20 4-year noncommercial driver's license is \$21. ~~The~~ Except as provided by section 1255,
21 the fee for the 4-year commercial driver's license is \$28.

22 **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §1406, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 329, Pt. R, §1, is
23 amended to read:

24 **8. Equalization of 6-year license cycle.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, paragraph
25 A, the Secretary of State may, solely for the purpose of equalizing the 6-year license
26 renewal cycle, issue noncommercial licenses to persons under 65 years of age that expire
27 either one or 2 years before or after the holder's 6th birthday following the date of
28 issuance. Notwithstanding subsection 5 and except as provided by section 1255, the fee
29 for a license issued pursuant to this subsection is \$5 multiplied by the number of years for
30 which the license is issued.

31 This subsection is repealed June 30, 2014.

32 **Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §1410, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 671, §§27 and
33 28, is further amended to read:

34 **2. Issuance of card; contents.** ~~Upon~~ Except as provided by section 1255, upon
35 receipt of a completed application and payment of a fee of \$5, the Secretary of State shall
36 issue a nondriver identification card to the applicant. If an applicant is the holder of a

1 motor vehicle driver's license bearing a photograph or digital image of the individual and
2 issued under this chapter, the Secretary of State or the Secretary of State's representative
3 may refuse to issue a nondriver identification card. The Secretary of State shall provide
4 that a nondriver identification card issued to a person less than 21 years of age has a
5 distinctive color code. Each nondriver identification card must contain:

- 6 A. The applicant's photograph or digital image;
- 7 B. The applicant's name and address;
- 8 C. The applicant's date of birth; and
- 9 E. Any other information and identification that the Secretary of State by rule
10 requires.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill eliminates the driver's license fee or nondriver identification card fee for a
13 person who is currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. It also eliminates the
14 driver's license fee or nondriver identification card fee for a person who has served in the
15 United States Armed Forces and who has been discharged or released within 2 years of
16 the person's discharge or release.