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An Act To Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 20, 2019. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham and
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York,
LIBBY of Androscoggin, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old
Orchard Beach, JORGENSEN of Portland, STANLEY of Medway.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§33-C, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 376, §1, is repealed.
4 5	Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§27-B, ¶ C, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 335, §1, is amended to read:
6	C. Has a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of 70,000 pounds or more;
7 8	Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §556, first ¶, as amended by PL 2013, c. 530, §2, is further amended to read:
9 10	A motor vehicle is exempt from this subchapter, except sections 555, 555-A, 558-A, and 560 and 562, as follows:
11 12	Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §562, as amended by PL 2017, c. 327, §§16 and 17, is repealed.
13 14	Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §1401, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2017, c. 27, §3 and affected by §10, is further amended to read:
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	9. Use of biometric technology. The Secretary of State may use biometric technology, including, but not limited to, retinal scanning, facial recognition or fingerprint technology, to produce a license or nondriver identification card <u>and to provide information</u> , including digital images, to law enforcement agencies consistent with the rules adopted by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 256. The Secretary of State may not allow an outside entity to use biometric technology to search its image records.
22 23	Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §2458, sub-§2, ¶V, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 327, §21, is amended to read:
24 25 26	V. Has exceeded the motor carrier adverse safety limits established by the Secretary of State using the methodology developed pursuant to section 562, subsection 3 by the bureau.
27 28	Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §2458, sub-§6, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 111, §2, is repealed.
29 30	Sec. 8. 29-A MRSA §2458, sub-§6, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 111, §2, is amended to read:
31 32 33 34 35 36	E. Any entity that would have been suspended as a related entity but for the failure or refusal of the suspended person or named entity or its officers, directors or partners to disclose the required information is nevertheless suspended and subject to the same penalties and sanctions as the suspended person or the named entity for violation of the suspension. If an entity becomes a related entity or is created after the Secretary of State has made the decision to suspend or after the Motor Carrier Review Board

1 2	makes its recommendation to suspend, the Secretary of State may immediately suspend the related entity.
3	SUMMARY
4	This bill makes the following changes to the motor vehicle laws.
5	1. It clarifies the law with respect to weight requirements for heavy duty recovery vehicles.

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records.

- 2. It allows the Secretary of State to assist law enforcement entities by providing driver's license biometric technology records. The bill prohibits the Secretary of State from allowing an outside entity to use biometric technology to search driver's license
- 3. It repeals the law establishing the Motor Carrier Review Board in order to remove conflicts with the motor carrier review process conducted by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles.