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In Senate, February 16, 2023

**An Act to Require the Probate Court to Report Name Changes to
the State Bureau of Identification**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety and approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.

1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** ensuring that the timely and accurate reporting of all name changes to the
4 Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification is
5 essential to the operations of the State Bureau of Identification; and

6 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
7 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
8 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
9 therefore,

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

11 **Sec. 1. 18-C MRSA §1-701, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

12 **3-A. Reporting.** The court shall report by electronic means a name change under this
13 section to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of
14 Identification by providing the person's former name, new name and date of birth and, if
15 known to the court, a number associated with the person's criminal history record
16 information, as defined in Title 16, section 703, or other number assigned by the State
17 Bureau of Identification.

18 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
19 takes effect when approved.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill requires the Probate Court to report by electronic means all name changes to
22 the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification.