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House of Representatives, March 13, 2023

**An Act to Improve Work and Family Mobility by Altering and  
Removing Certain Requirements for Driver's Licenses and  
Nondriver Identification Cards**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and  
Representatives: RANA of Bangor, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: TIPPING of  
Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1301, sub-§2-A**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 27, §2 and  
3 affected by §10, is repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1301, sub-§6**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2005, c. 250,  
5 §2, is amended to read:

6 **6. Social security number.** Notwithstanding any ~~other~~ provision of law to the  
7 contrary, the social security number of any applicant for a license or nondriver  
8 identification card must be recorded on the application, and the Secretary of State may not  
9 issue a license or nondriver identification card to a person who does not possess and provide  
10 a valid social security number. The Secretary of State shall collect, store and verify the  
11 social security number of an applicant for a license or nondriver identification card and  
12 may use that number to establish a permanent license number or nondriver identification  
13 number. This subsection does not apply to a person who ~~provides written proof to the~~  
14 ~~Secretary of State that the person~~ is ineligible to receive a social security number.

15 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1301, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 469, §1, is repealed  
16 and the following enacted in its place:

17 **10. Identity documents.** For the purpose of issuing a license, the Secretary of State  
18 may accept only identity documents that are unexpired or that do not have an expiration  
19 date. An identity document must bear the person's name and date of birth. An individual  
20 who presents an identity document that bears a different name shall also present official  
21 documentation of the name change.

22 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §1406-A, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. B, §25,  
23 is repealed.

24 **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §1410, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

25 **1-A. Identity documents.** For the purpose of issuing a nondriver identification card,  
26 the Secretary of State may accept only identity documents that are unexpired or that do not  
27 have an expiration date. An identity document must bear the person's name and date of  
28 birth. An individual who presents an identity document that bears a different name shall  
29 also present official documentation of the name change.

30 **Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §1410, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 27, §6 and affected  
31 by §10, is repealed.

32 **Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §1410, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 648, §4, is repealed.

### 33 SUMMARY

34 This bill removes the legal presence requirement to obtain a driver's license or  
35 nondriver identification card. The bill removes the requirement that an applicant for a  
36 driver's license provide written proof that the applicant is ineligible to receive a social  
37 security number if the applicant is not providing a social security number on the application  
38 for a driver's license. The bill repeals provisions that require a driver's license or nondriver  
39 identification card issued to an applicant who is not a citizen or a legal permanent resident  
40 of the United States to expire coterminously with the applicant's authorized duration of stay  
41 or the otherwise applicable expiration date of the license or card, whichever occurs first.

1       The bill requires the Secretary of State to accept only identity documents for an applicant  
2       for a driver's license or nondriver identification card that are unexpired or do not have an  
3       expiration date.