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Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "this State" the following: ', including a nontraditional residence as defined in Title 21-A, section 112, subsection 15'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11 by striking out all of paragraph B and inserting the following:

'B. A person who is unable to provide acceptable documentary evidence pursuant to paragraph A may meet the requirements of this subsection by:

(1) Submitting the affidavits of 2 individuals who have a personal or professional relationship with the person and knowledge of the person and the person's residence or domicile in this State. A single affidavit signed by a parent or guardian of a minor making an application is sufficient for the purposes of this paragraph. The Secretary of State may reject any affidavit the Secretary of State determines to be insufficient to meet the requirements of this subsection. The affidavit is a sworn statement and a false statement by the affiant constitutes false swearing, which is a violation of Title 17-A, section 452. The Secretary of State shall provide forms for the completion of affidavits. These forms must state: "By signing this statement I verify that the representations herein are true. By making false statements on this document, I realize I am committing a Class D crime punishable under Maine law."; or

(2) By taking an oath or affirmation before the Secretary of State swearing to the person's residence or domicile, including a nontraditional residence.

SUMMARY

This amendment allows a person applying for a driver's license to have a nontraditional residence, as is allowed for voter registration purposes, including a shelter, park or underpass. This amendment also allows a person who cannot provide acceptable documentary evidence of residence to take an oath or affirmation before the Secretary of State swearing to the person's residence.