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**An Act to Improve Access to Transportation to Work for Forestry
Workers and Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1413** is enacted to read:

3 **§1413. Temporary license; forestry worker or migrant and seasonal farm worker**

4 **1. Transportation; forestry worker or migrant and seasonal farm worker.** For
5 the purpose of driving workers between workers' lodging and work sites each day at no
6 cost to the workers as provided in Title 26, section 643, subsection 1, the Secretary of State
7 may issue a temporary license to an applicant who:

8 A. Provides documentary evidence that the applicant meets driver qualifications under
9 Title 26, section 643, subsection 1, paragraph B; and

10 B. Possesses a valid or recently expired driver's license from the operator's home
11 country.

12 The temporary license issued pursuant to this subsection is considered a Class B license
13 under Title 29-A, section 1252 and is valid only for the purposes described in this
14 subsection.

15 **2. "Worker" defined.** For purposes of this section, "worker" has the same meaning
16 as in Title 26, section 642, subsection 6.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill allows a forestry worker or migrant and seasonal farm worker who meets
19 federal driver qualifications and possesses a valid or recently expired driver's license in the
20 worker's home country to operate a motor vehicle in this State for the purpose of driving
21 workers between the workers' lodgings and work sites each day. If a worker provides
22 documentary evidence that the worker meets the driver qualifications under the Maine
23 Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 643, subsection 1, paragraph B and possess a valid or
24 recently expired driver's license from the operator's home country, the Secretary of State is
25 required to issue the worker a temporary driver's license. The license issued to a forestry
26 worker or migrant and seasonal farm worker is considered a Class B license and is valid
27 only for driving workers between the workers' lodgings and work sites each day.