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## **An Act To Combat Human Trafficking by Requiring Prevention Training for Commercial Drivers**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1253, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Human trafficking prevention training and license requirement; informational card.** In addition to other requirements under this section, beginning April 1, 2018, in order to receive a commercial driver's license, an applicant for a new commercial driver's license must complete a nationally recognized training program on preventing human trafficking in the trucking industry and provide to the Secretary of State a certificate or other evidence of satisfactory completion of that program. The training program required under this subsection may be administered in person or on the Internet.

Beginning April 1, 2018, a commercial driver's license issued by the Secretary of State to a new licensee or upon a renewal for an existing licensee must be accompanied by an informational card that is 2 inches by 3 inches and outlines signs of and how to report human trafficking and includes a telephone number for a national human trafficking hotline.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires that, beginning April 1, 2018, an applicant for a new commercial driver's license complete in person or online a nationally recognized training program on preventing human trafficking in the trucking industry as a requirement to receive a license. It also requires that all new and renewed commercial driver's licenses be accompanied by a wallet-sized card that outlines signs of and how to report human trafficking and includes a telephone number for a national human trafficking hotline.