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An Act to Modernize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Mobile Services

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITE of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and
Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, HYMES of Waldo, PARRY of Arundel,
THERIAULT of Fort Kent, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland,
CURRY of Waldo, President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §160** is enacted to read:

3 **§160. Mobile motor vehicle services**

4 The Secretary of State shall establish and operate a program to provide mobile services.

5 **1. Populations served.** The program under this section must provide mobile services:

6 A. In rural areas where members of the public are required to travel an inconvenient
7 distance to reach offices that can provide services under this section; and

8 B. To individuals who are unhoused, immigrants or refugees.

9 **2. Services.** The services under this section must include, to the maximum extent
10 feasible:

11 A. Vehicle registration pursuant to chapter 5, subchapter 1; and

12 B. Renewal or replacement of a driver's license or nondriver identification card under
13 chapter 11.

14 **Sec. 2. Remote motor vehicle services.** In order to provide the services described
15 in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 160, the Secretary of State shall acquire
16 2 large vehicles to accommodate the needs of the program established pursuant to section
17 160. Each vehicle must be staffed by 4 individuals, who, to the maximum extent feasible,
18 shall operate the program, including driving the vehicle and providing the services
19 described in section 160.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill requires the Secretary of State to establish and operate a program to provide
22 mobile services for vehicle registration and renewal or replacement of a driver's license or
23 nondriver identification card. The program must provide services in rural areas and to
24 unhoused, immigrant and refugee populations. In order to provide the services, the
25 Secretary of State must acquire 2 large vehicles to accommodate the needs of the program.
26 Each vehicle must be staffed by 4 individuals, who, to the maximum extent feasible, must
27 operate the program, including driving the vehicle and providing the services.