

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

H.P. 855 - L.D. 1341

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

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

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

§160. Mobile motor vehicle services

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 3. Funding. The Secretary of State shall modernize the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles' mobile services including traveling units, computer tablets, computers, printers, vehicle expenses and other information technology to establish and operate a program to provide mobile services to include vehicle registration and renewal or replacement of a driver's license or nondriver identification card. This program must be funded with up to \$1,000,000 in available prior year balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of the Secretary of State,

Administration - Motor Vehicles program, Highway Fund account in accordance with Public Law 2023, chapter 50, Part B. The funds may be distributed by financial order upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.