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Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. I am Representative Randy Greenwood, proudly representing my friends and neighbors in Litchfield, Monmouth, and my hometown in Wales, both in Androscoggin and Kennebec Counties. I am here in support of LD 1329, "An Act to Identify United States Citizenship Status on Driver's Licenses and Non-Driver Identification Cards."

During a conversation with Secretary of State Bellows, I had questioned how a non-citizen might possibly be registered to vote. She insisted it wasn't possible with our current system and during that discussion, the self attestation of Citizenship topic came into further into question.

A person may be legally present, obtain a Maine driver's license or ID card and self register to vote by checking the "self attestation" box indicating they are a citizen as well and "poof" that they are registered to vote. Of course, outside of the special period just before an election those rules are different. However, during the bulk of the year, it is so easy to fraudulently register to vote.

Now, I have no direct evidence if this has been the case, but we read from a Maine Wire exclusive article that there were verified cases of non-citizens that actually voted in the 2024 election. That was concerning to me and it should be concerning to you.

With Voter ID approved to be on the ballot, I'll make a prediction here today; it's going to pass and pass overwhelmingly.

This new proposed enhancement will make it super easy when a person requests a ballot and must provide an ID to receive that ballot, given the check-in person will be asking for photo identification, that check box indicating they are a citizen will be an additional safeguard in keeping our elections secure.

Using the documents presented to me by the Secretary of State's Chief Deputy Kate McBrien, there is already a section on Legal Presence followed in the Department rules.

What is Legal Presence?

In addition to proving residency, you can not obtain or renew a driver's license or non-driver identification card unless you provide acceptable valid documentary evidence of legal presence in the United States.

Citizens – A link for more information regarding acceptable documents for US/Naturalized citizens.

Non-Citizens – A link for more information regarding acceptable documents for non-citizens.

In light of the process already identifying citizens and non-citizens by the Department of the Secretary of State, I feel this bill can be amended to remove the four words, "or an asylum seeker" on line 7, line 19 and line 23 of the bill, and will offer that as a Sponsors' Amendment.

This proposed amendment becomes especially important upon renewal of a driver's license and non-driver identification card when a non-citizen would be once again verified if they are here under legal presence.

Thank you for your time and I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sponsors Amendment LD 1329

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

2 Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1401, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1995, c. 482, Pt. A, §24, is

3 further amended to read:

4 1. Required information. A license must state, at a minimum, the name, date of birth,
5 place of residence or mailing address if different from the residence, of the licensee and the
6 permanent number assigned to that licensee. A license also must state whether the licensee
7 is a citizen of the United States; or a noncitizen of the United States ~~or an asylum seeker.~~ A
8 name displayed on a license must be as the name appears on a birth certificate or a court
9 order or as the result of marriage.

10 Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1410, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 2001, c. 671, §27, is

11 further amended to read:

12 C. The applicant's date of birth; and

13 Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1410, sub-§2, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 437, §40, is

14 amended to read:

15 E. Any other information and identification that the Secretary of State by rule requires.;

16 and

17 Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §1410, sub-§2, ¶F is enacted to read:

18 F. A designation as to whether the applicant is a citizen of the United States; or a
19 noncitizen of the United States ~~or an asylum seeker.~~

20 SUMMARY

21 This bill requires a driver's license and a nondriver identification card to state whether
22 the licensee or card holder is a citizen of the United States; or a noncitizen of the United States
23 ~~or an asylum seeker.~~