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Urging the Alaska division of motor vehicles to advocate for discontinued use of social security numbers as a means of identity verification.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the Constitution of the State of Alaska recognizes that people of the state have a right to privacy and bestows on the Alaska State Legislature the duty to protect that right; and

WHEREAS the legislature must balance the privacy rights of Alaskans with their ability to earn a living; and

WHEREAS, under the REAL ID Act of 2005, a person must show federally compliant identification to enter federal facilities and to travel by air; and

WHEREAS access to military facilities and travel by air are essential to thousands of Alaskans who deliver goods to, provide services for, or work on construction projects or in schools located on military bases in the state; and

WHEREAS many Alaskans must travel by air to get to their places of work, including many employees in the mining, fishing, and oil and gas industries; and

WHEREAS, to allow Alaskans to continue using state identification to access

military facilities after June 2017 and to travel by air after January 2018, the REAL ID Act of 2005 requires the state to offer federally compliant identification cards; and

WHEREAS the REAL ID Act of 2005 requires each state to provide access to information contained in its motor vehicle database to the other states for the purposes of verifying identity and ensuring that a person does not concurrently hold a license in more than one state; and

WHEREAS, to satisfy this requirement, the only multi-state verification system that meets the standards of the United States Department of Homeland Security is the State-to-State Verification Service, which is administered by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators; and

WHEREAS the State-to-State Verification Service requires the last five digits of an applicant's social security number to be uploaded to the pointer file; and

WHEREAS social security numbers contain nine digits, and, for numbers assigned before June 2011, the first three digits correspond to the state in which the number was issued; and

WHEREAS, for those Alaskans who share the first three digits of their social security numbers, a data breach in the State-to-State Verification Service would result in the disclosure of eight of the nine digits of their social security numbers; and

WHEREAS social security numbers can be used for identity theft, one of the fastest growing crimes in America, and for other fraudulent purposes; and

WHEREAS Alaska is a member of the State-to-State Governance Board for management of the State-to-State Verification Service;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate urges the Alaska division of motor vehicles, as a member of the State-to-State Governance Board, to advocate for the discontinued use of social security numbers by the State-to-State Verification Service as a means of identity verification; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that, should the efforts to discontinue use of social security numbers by the State-to-State Verification Service be unsuccessful, the Senate urges the Alaska division of motor vehicles to advocate for the use of either a nonsequential series of digits or fewer digits from a social security number for identity verification; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate urges the other members of the State-to-

State Governance Board to support the effort to change the social security number data needed to use the State-to-State Verification System in order to protect the citizens of their states.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Sheldon Fisher, Commissioner, Department of Administration; Marla Thompson, Director, Department of Administration, division of motor vehicles; the Board of Directors of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators; members of the Governance Board of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators for the State-to-State Verification Service; and members of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures.