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House Bill 213: Data Sharing for Social Security Verification Purposes

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“An Act relating to data sharing by the Department of Administration for driver’s license data verification purposes; and providing for an effective date.”

May 28, 2021, Alaska stopped participating in the Driver License Data Verification (DLDV) service provided by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). Since that time, Alaska has become the only state wherein the Social Security Administration does not approve online applications for replacement of lost social security cards or for obtaining new social security cards resulting from marital or other legal name changes. As a result, applicants requiring cards must present themselves in person to a Social Security office to have their identity confirmed, or mail valid identification forms to Social Security. This situation requires many applicants to travel unreasonable distances, wait in long lines, or be delayed up to 45 days in the case of mail-in identification confirmations.

This predicament arises because in order to issue an online approval, Social Security must have an applicant’s identification verified first. Alaska lacks a statutory provision authorizing the Department of Administration, more specifically the Department of Motor Vehicles, to convey applicant driver’s license information to Social Security for this specified purpose. Other states provide this information electronically via data collection entities authorized by the Social Security Administration itself.

This bill amends AS 28.05.068(a), AS 28.05.068(b), and AS 28.15.151 to permit the Department to furnish identification verification only to an entity authorized by the Social Security Administration to collect such information. With the ability to verify applicant identification by securing the information from the Department electronically, Social Security can approve applications online rather than requiring applicants to bring drivers licenses to a Social Security facility for verification or mail in their documents.

I respectfully ask you to help make life easier for many Alaskans by supporting this bill.

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