

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Referred: Secretary's Desk

A RESOLUTION

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

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 military facilities after June 2017 and to travel by air after January 2018, the REAL ID Act of
2 2005 requires the state to offer federally compliant identification cards; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Sheldon Fisher,
5 Commissioner, Department of Administration; Marla Thompson, Director, Alaska
6 Department of Administration, Division of Motor Vehicles; the Board of Directors for the
7 American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators; members of the Governance Board
8 of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators for the State-to-State
9 Verification Service; and members of the Executive Committee for the National Conference
10 of State Legislatures.