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AN ACT to amend the banking law, in relation to requiring banking institutions to accept the Dominican consular identification card issued by the consulate general of the Dominican Republic as a valid form of identification for all banking transactions

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The banking law is amended by adding a new section 9-x to
2 read as follows:
3 S 9-X. DOMINICAN IDENTIFICATION CARD, VALID FORM OF IDENTIFICATION. 1.
4 EVERY BANKING INSTITUTION SHALL ACCEPT AS A VALID FORM OF IDENTIFICATION
5 FOR ALL BANKING TRANSACTIONS THE DOMINICAN IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY
6 THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.
7 2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "BANKING INSTITUTION"
8 SHALL MEAN AND INCLUDE ALL BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, SAVINGS BANKS,
9 SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS, LICENSED FOREIGN BANKS AND CREDIT UNIONS.
10 3. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW THE LEGITIMACY OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS
11 ISSUED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO THEIR NATIONALS LIVING IN THE STATE AND
12 RECOMMEND WHICH ONES, IF ANY, SHOULD BE ACCEPTED BY BANKING INSTITUTIONS
13 IN THE STATE AS PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION BY THE IDENTIFICATION HOLDER
14 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENGAGING IN BANKING SERVICES.
15 4. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RECOMMEND:
16 (A) OTHER REQUIRED FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION BY FOREIGN NATIONALS LIVING
17 IN THE STATE, IF ANY, TO SUPPLEMENT VERIFICATION NEEDED BY BANKING
18 SERVICES IN ORDER TO MEET STANDING RULES, REGULATIONS, OR LAWS WITH
19 REGARDS TO ACCESSING BANKING SERVICES;
20 (B) ANY LEGISLATIVE MEASURES NECESSARY TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO BANKING
21 SERVICES BY FOREIGN NATIONALS WHO ARE CURRENTLY CONSIDERED UNDOCUMENTED
22 IMMIGRANTS;

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (C) ANY MEASURES, IN THE FORM OF RULES, REGULATIONS OR LEGISLATION,
2 NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS WHO CAN PROVIDE PROOF
3 THAT THEY HAVE APPLIED FOR THE NEW FEDERAL IMMIGRANT STATUS CLASSIFIED
4 AS REGISTERED PROVISIONAL IMMIGRANT, HEREINAFTER "RPI", HAVE ACCESS TO
5 BANKING SERVICES WHILE SUCH PERSONS WAIT FOR OFFICIAL FEDERAL IDENTIFI-
6 CATION; AND

7 (D) A TIMEFRAME FOR REQUIRING BANKING SERVICES TO ACCEPT THE FOREIGN
8 IDENTIFICATION AND TEMPORARY PROOF OF APPLYING FOR RPI TO ACCESS BANKING
9 SERVICES AND WHETHER THE FOREIGN ISSUED IDENTIFICATION SHALL BE PART OF
10 THE TEMPORARY IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS THAT CAN BE REQUESTED BY A
11 BANKING INSTITUTION.

12 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.