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GUIDANCE FOR ACT 172 SLH 2015 – LIMITED PURPOSE DRIVERS LICENSE

During the 2015 Legislature, the legislature passed a bill signed into law as Act 172 SLH2015, which allowed for the issue of limited purpose drivers licenses. The holders of these licenses have provided the examiner of drivers with documentation to establish identity and residency in order to apply and receive these drivers license. They have not and are not required to provide documentation to prove that their presence in the United States is authorized under federal law.

According to the Department of Homeland Security, these limited purpose drivers licenses are acceptable for the purpose intended by the REAL ID Act Pub. Law 109-13. These limited purpose drivers licenses will allow the holder to drive, but not enter into any federal facilities, including boarding commercially operated airline flights and entering federal buildings and nuclear power plants.

This guidance is issued to provide guidance as to the acceptability for the Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-Money Laundering Act (“BSA/AML”) purposes for customer identification (“CIP”). As you will note, the documentation required to apply for the limited purpose drivers license is not necessarily the same type of documentation required for BSA/AML. Consequently, financial institutions should review the requirements to receive the limited purpose drivers license. If the documentation used to receive the limited purpose drivers license is acceptable to the financial institution, the financial institution may accept the limited purpose drivers license for CIP.

Please risk rate this limited purpose drivers license for CIP to determine if the financial institution will accept the limited purpose drivers license as identification (primary or secondary identification) or not. Please contact our office if you have further questions.

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SO ORDERED

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