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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to electronic credentials.

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COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies that the statute authorizing the division of motor vehicles to establish electronic credentials does not grant the authority to compel a person to create, maintain, or display an electronic credential, nor to require any business to accept them.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 178:1 New Paragraph; Mobile Drivers' Licenses and Non-Driver Identification Cards; Electronic
2 Credential; Privacy. Amend RSA 263-A:5 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

3 III. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require a person to obtain an electronic
4 credential, and no person shall be compelled to create, maintain, or display an electronic credential.

5 178:2 New Paragraph; Acceptance of Electronic Credentials. Amend RSA 263-A:3 by inserting after
6 paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

7 V. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require any business to accept an electronic
8 credential.

178:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 19, 2026
Effective Date: August 18, 2026