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To: Members of the General Law Committee

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Re: Proposed S.B. No. 68 AN ACT PROHIBITING RETAIL BUSINESSES FROM
SCANNING OR COPYING CONSUMERS' DRIVER'S LICENSES.

Banks are mandated by federal law and regulation to verify and document a person's identity prior to allowing a deposit account to be opened. The federal requirements are governed by the Bank Secrecy Act, the Anti Money Laundering and Know Your Customer rules.

Those rules require the collection of key customer identification and a person's driver's license is the most common form of ID which is used. The policies, procedures and documentation associated with the collection that information is subject to annual regulatory compliance examination by the banks primary regulator. There are severe penalties for non-compliance, including criminal penalties.

For these reasons, we urge the Committee to clarify the banks are not included in the provisions of the bill.