

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 656

House of Representatives, February 14, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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AN ACT Relating to Issuance of Motor Vehicle Registrations by  
Municipal Tax Officers.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 29, § 110-A, additional. Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 110-A to read as follows:

§ 110-A. Registration in municipalities

Upon a vote of the legislative body, a municipality may choose to receive applications for motor vehicle registration and to issue such registrations and to collect the fees required therefor.

The collector of taxes of each municipality, or such other person as a municipality may designate to collect the excise taxes on motor vehicles as provided in Title 36, section 1487, is declared to be an agent of the Secretary of State to receive applications for registration and to issue such registrations and to collect the fees required therefor. Such agents shall transmit, as required by the Secretary of State, such records as the Secretary of State may require of all registrations issued and shall account to the Secretary of State for all fees collected under this section, less any amounts agreed upon between the Secretary of State and the municipality for payment to the municipality for expenses in receiving such applications for registration.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to improve the availability of motor vehicle registration service to the public. The simultaneous collection of excise taxes and

motor vehicle registration fees at one location convenient to the public is long overdue. This function is logically one that can be performed by municipalities at a minimal cost. The alternative to this legislation is for the State Legislature to fund, at considerable expense, more district offices.