

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 174

S. P. 89

In Senate, January 24, 1979

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

Presented by Senator Carpenter of Aroostook.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Revise Certain Motor Vehicle Laws.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 1, sub-§ 1-G, ¶ A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 731, § 19, is amended to read:

A. A trailer or semitrailer ~~of less than 32 feet in length~~ primarily designed and constructed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or other use; or

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 52-A first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 694, § 486, is amended to read:

With the approval of the municipal officers of a municipality, the Secretary of State may appoint municipal tax collectors, or such other persons as a municipality may designate to collect excise taxes on vehicles, as agents to receive applications for the registration and the renewal of registrations of motor vehicles, **trailers and semitrailers**. Municipal agents so appointed may be authorized to issue both registrations and renewals of registrations, or their authority may be limited to the issuance of renewals only. Those agents authorized to issue both registrations and renewals may issue registrations for automobiles, **trailers, semitrailers** and trucks not registered for over 6,000 pounds g.v.w. and may issue renewals for automobiles, **trailers, semitrailers** and trucks

in which there is no change from the previous registration in the status of the vehicle to include the registered gross weight, axles or any other change in the status defined by the Secretary of State, provided these vehicles are not for hire. Agents authorized to issue renewals only may issue renewals for automobiles, **trailers, semitrailers** and trucks in which there is no change from the previous registration in the status of the vehicle to include the registered gross weight, axles or any other change in status defined by the Secretary of State, provided these vehicles are not for hire. The agents may charge any applicant \$1 over and above the required registration fee for each registration or renewal issued, the \$1 to be retained by the municipality.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Manufacturers are now selling camper trailers which are in fact greater than 32 feet in length. This change will delete the 32 feet length maximum from the present definition of a camper trailer. The present law causes those camper trailers greater than 32 feet in length to be subject to the excise tax mill rate applied to mobile homes which is higher than that levied on camper trailers less than 32 feet.

This bill also expands the authority of municipal agents of the Secretary of State to include the first registration and renewal of trailers and semitrailers, thereby providing this registration service on local level at no expense to the State.