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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-642)
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 406, L.D. 510, Bill, "AN ACT to Restrict the Use of Dealer Plates."

Further amend the Amendment by inserting before the underlined word and period "dealer." in the 7th line of section 2 the underlined word 'principal'

Further amend the Amendment by inserting at the end of paragraph C on page 1 the following:

'(1) For the purpose of this paragraph, a principal dealer is the sole owner, the owner with the largest number of shares or the owner with the largest original capital contribution in the business and who is actively engaged in the management and operation of the business. In the event that the owner, as herein defined, is not actively engaged in the management and operation of the business, the principal dealer shall be the single person primarily responsible for the management and operation of the established place of business as defined in section 341, subsection 3.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to make the bill meaningful. The bill allows a dealer plate for the personal use of the immediate family of the dealer. In many cases, the dealer is every person with a share in the business. A dealership could consist of 20 dealers or the owner could designate every family member as a dealer and thereby entitle all of these people to a personal use dealer plate.

This amendment restricts the disposition of dealer plates for immediate family use to the principal dealer. The principal dealer is the person who either has the largest financial contribution in the business and is actively engaged in the management of the business or the person who is responsible for the management of the business. Therefore, an owner who is not active in the business and who travels throughout the country, will not be able to use Maine dealer plates for his escapades. The purpose of this amendment is to reduce the fringe benefits associated with the business that are funded with state funds.