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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-607)
109TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §52, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 481,
§3, is further amended by adding a new sentence to read:

'These agents, examiners and inspectors shall have all nec-
essary authority to enforce the provisions of Chapter 5, sub-
chapter III-A, and to enforce all rules promulgated to implement
these provisions.'

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §354, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1973,
c. 529, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its
place:

C. For personal use of a manufacturer or dealer. There
shall be no more than 1 dealer plate for the personal use
of the manufacturer or dealer and no more than 1 dealer
plate for the immediate family of the dealer. The dealer
plate for the immediate family shall be a specially desig-
nated plate distinguishing it from any other dealer plate and
signifying use by the immediate family. Any other dealer
plate not specially designated as required in this paragraph
shall not be used by the immediate family members of the
dealer;

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §364 is enacted to read:

§364. Enforcement

All state, county and local law enforcement officers, and all agents, examiners and inspectors appointed and deputized by the Secretary of State pursuant to ^{section} 752, shall expeditiously enforce the provisions of this subchapter upon the request of the Secretary of State.

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1980.'

Statement of Fact

The intent of this amendment is to restrict the use of dealer plates, equipment plates and transporter plates, and to prevent the abuse that is currently occurring with respect to the use of these plates. Some of the major features of the bill include restrictions of dealer plates for personal use and better enforcement of the law. Motor vehicle dealers and their families will be limited to 2 dealer plates for personal use. One specially designated plate will be made available to immediate family members of the dealer and family members will not be able to use any other dealer plate.

This amendment authorizes the Secretary of State to use motor vehicle inspectors within the Department to enforce the law with respect to dealers and transporters.