

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 963

H.P. 712 House of Representatives, March 26, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROLDE of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives McPHERSON of Eliot, SOUCY
of Kittery, and Senator ESTES of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT to Provide for Removal and Sale of
2 Abandoned Motor Vehicles on Public
3 Property.
4

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

7 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §895-B, sub-§2-A is enacted to
8 read:

9 2-A. Removal of abandoned vehicles from public
10 ways or public parking areas. If an abandoned vehicle
11 is ordered removed from a public way or public park-
12 ing area by a police officer in the line of duty and
13 brought to the premises of any garage, auto body re-
14 pair shop, service station or auto dealership for
15 storage and the vehicle remains on the property or
16 premises for 30 days or more:

1 A. If the identity and location of the owner or
2 holder of a security interest is known, the owner
3 of the premises or property where the vehicle was
4 brought or abandoned may notify the owner of the
5 vehicle or holder of a security interest by reg-
6 istered mail, in accordance with subsection 3, of
7 the place where the vehicle may be reclaimed; or

8 B. If the identity and location of the owner or
9 holder of a security interest is not known, the
10 owner of the premises or property where the vehi-
11 cle was brought or abandoned shall publish, at
12 least once in a newspaper of general circulation
13 in the county where the premises or property is
14 located, a notice, in accordance with subsection
15 3, of the place where the vehicle may be re-
16 claimed.

17 **Sec. 2. 29 MRSAs §895-B, sub-§4, as enacted by PL**
18 **1981, c. 437, §18, is amended to read:**

19 **4. Evidence of compliance.** A person who has com-
20 **plied with subsections 2, 2-A and 3 may present evi-**
21 **dence of compliance to the Secretary of State.**

22 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

23 The purpose of this bill is to enable police of-
24 ficers to remove abandoned vehicles left on public
25 ways or public parking areas, and provide for the
26 transfer of ownership following 30 days notice if un-
27 claimed.

28 0557031887