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House of Representatives, January 14, 2025

**An Act to Require Vehicle Registrations to Include the Next of Kin
of the Vehicle Owner**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Robert B. Hunt
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Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.
Cosponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec and
Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, BISHOP of Bucksport,
EDER of Waterboro, MINGO of Calais, NUTTING of Oakland, QUINT of Hodgdon, WHITE
of Guilford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §401, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 473, §4, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Content of application.** An application must contain information requested by the
5 Secretary of State, including the legal name, place of residence and address of the
6 registrant; the legal name and address of the next of kin of the registrant, if the registrant
7 is an individual; the current mileage of a motor vehicle; a brief description of the vehicle,
8 the ~~maker~~ make of the motor vehicle, if needed, the vehicle identification number, the year
9 of manufacture; and the type of motor fuel or motive power; and, for trucks, truck tractors
10 and special mobile equipment, the gross weight. A registrant that is a corporation, trust,
11 limited partnership or other similar entity ~~must~~ shall provide either a federal taxpayer
12 identification number or an identification number issued by the department. An initial
13 application for registration must be signed by the registrant or the registrant's legal
14 representative. The Secretary of State shall keep initial applications on file until that
15 registration is terminated.

16 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §401, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2
17 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

18 B. A certificate of registration that contains the legal name, place of residence and
19 address of the registered owner and the legal name and address of the next of kin of the
20 registered owner as provided on the application.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill adds to the required information requested by the Secretary of State on a
23 vehicle registration application the requirement that a registrant, if an individual, include
24 the legal name and address of the registrant's next of kin. The bill requires a vehicle
25 certificate of registration to include the legal name and address of the vehicle owner's next
26 of kin.