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state and which is approved by the American Bar Association, may appear in the courts of the State on behalf of the State or an agency thereof, or under the supervision of an organization providing legal services to the indigent approved by the Supreme Judicial Court on behalf of an individual receiving services through such organization.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective April 3, 1987.

CHAPTER 31

S.P. 354 — L.D. 1071

AN ACT to Extend the Deadline for Reservation of License Plate Numbers.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Legislature enacted provisions of law for reservation of the same license plate number in a plate issuing year; and

Whereas, the deadline for notifying the Secretary of State and payment of \$5 to reserve the same number is April 1, 1987; and

Whereas, the Legislature has learned that many citizens who wish to reserve their same numbers will lose this right if the deadline is not extended by this Legislature; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

29 MRSA §191, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 725, Pt. H, §2, is amended to read:

1. **Plate issue year.** The Secretary of State shall reserve until July 1st the same registration number for the succeeding registration year for persons who notify the Secretary of State prior to ~~April~~ May 1st in writing of their desire to retain their registration number. The fee for retention of the same registration number is \$5.

If a person wishes to retain his registration number and does not have a vehicle to register on July 1st, he may hold his registration number for a maximum of 2 registration years by depositing with the Secretary of State the sum of \$10 for each year. These fees are not refund-

able and shall not be applied as part payment of the registration fee.

All numbers other than those reserved shall be released and issued in rotation after July 1st, except that a person wishing to select a number out of rotation may do so by paying his registration fee and a reserved number fee of \$5.

Holders of initial plates shall pay the sum of \$15 which shall be credited toward renewal of the initial plates reserved.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective April 3, 1987.

CHAPTER 32

H.P. 122 — L.D. 147

AN ACT to Clarify the Penalty Provisions for the Late Filing of Corporation Reports.

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

13-A MRSA §1302, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1981, c. 456, Pt. A, §49, is further amended to read:

1. Any corporation required to file an annual report as provided by section 1301 which fails to deliver its annual report for filing on or before June 1st of each year shall pay to the Secretary of State, in addition to the regular annual report fee, the sum of \$25 for each 30-day period, or portion thereof, the report is not filed. In no case ~~shall~~ may this penalty exceed \$300, regardless of the number of delinquent reports or the period of delinquency. Upon failure to file an annual report and to pay the annual report fee or the penalty, the Secretary of State, notwithstanding Title 4, chapter 25, and Title 5, chapter 375, shall revoke a foreign corporation's authority to do business in this State and suspend a domestic corporation from doing business. He shall use the procedures set forth in section 1210, relative to revoking right of foreign corporations to do business in this State, for suspending domestic corporations. A foreign corporation whose authority to do business in this State has been revoked under this subsection and which wishes to do business again in this State must be authorized as provided in section 1202. A domestic corporation which has been suspended under this subsection may be reinstated by filing the current annual report and by paying the penalty ~~for the current year and for each year that it has failed to file an annual report~~ accrued.

Effective September 29, 1987.