

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McKinnon of South Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Permits by Sheriffs to Tow Unregistered Motor Vehicles.**

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

**R. S., T. 29, § 102, amended.** The first sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 102 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

No motor vehicle or trailer shall be operated, or remain upon any way, unless the same is registered and equipped in accordance with this Title, excepting that any officer of the State Police or sheriff or deputy sheriff may, when in his opinion the same is necessary and not detrimental to the public safety, grant a permit in writing for an unregistered motor vehicle to be towed either by a regular service wrecker or by the use of a towbar.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The sheriffs and deputy sheriffs now issue permits to operate a motor vehicle to an inspection station. They are asked on many occasions for permits to tow. During cleanup drives in municipalities when junk cars are to be towed it is sometimes impossible for residents to travel to State Police barracks and rarely are they in the compact areas.