

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1654

H. P. 1203

House of Representatives, March 17, 1971

Referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stillings of Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Providing for a Staggered System for Registration of
Motor Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 29, § 106, amended. Section 106 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

This section shall not pertain to automobiles and station wagon type vehicles for the registration year 1972. Registrations of automobiles and station wagon type vehicles with plate numbers with last digit "0" will expire October 31, 1972, last digit "1" will expire November 30, 1972, last digit "2" will expire December 31, 1972, last digits "3" and "4" will expire January 31, 1973, last digit "5" will expire February 28, 1973, last digit "6" will expire March 31, 1973, last digit "7" will expire April 30, 1973, last digit "8" will expire May 31, 1973, and last digit "9" will expire June 30, 1973. Upon reregistration starting in October 1972, registrations shall be issued for one year from the date of issuance, to expire at the end of the month.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 29, § 153, repealed and replaced. Section 153 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 153. Proration of registration fees

On application for registration of an automobile or station wagon type motor vehicle applied for by an owner during the period 4 months prior to the expiration date of the registration, $\frac{1}{2}$ the registration fee shall be charged.

On any application for registration, except automobile or station wagon type vehicle mentioned in the first paragraph applied for by an owner of a

motor vehicle or trailer, not including a log hauler or traction engine, during the period between the first day of September and the 31st day of December, $\frac{1}{2}$ the registration fee shall be charged.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 29, § 191, amended. The first sentence of section 191 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The Secretary of State shall reserve until November 1st preceding the year for which plates are issued, the same registration number for the succeeding year for persons who shall, previous to said first day of November, make a deposit of \$10 to retain the registration number for the automobile or station wagon type vehicle until the expiration date for the succeeding year and otherwise comply with the motor vehicle law.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 29, § 242, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, repealed and replaced. Paragraph A of subsection 1 of section 242 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 304 of the public laws of 1965, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

A. Used for the conveyance of passengers, \$15, except for the registration year 1972, reregistration of automobile and station wagon type vehicles shall pay the following based on the last digit of the plate number:

Last digit	0	—	\$12.50
Last digit	1	—	13.75
Last digit	2	—	15.00
Last digit	3	—	16.25
Last digit	4	—	17.50
Last digit	5 or 6	—	18.75
Last digit	7	—	20.00
Last digit	8	—	21.25
Last digit	9	—	22.50

Motor vehicles used for the conveyance of passengers, which are operated exclusively on islands having no roads maintained or supported by the State, shall be registered for a fee of \$2.

Sec. 5. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Highway Fund to the Secretary of State, Motor Vehicle Division, the sum of \$115,474 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972 and the sum of \$158,086 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973 for the purpose of carrying out this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1971-72	1972-73
SECRETARY OF STATE		
Motor Vehicle Division		
Personal Services	(16) \$ 41,574	(9) \$ 45,526
All Other	73,900	112,560
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	\$115,474	\$158,086

FISCAL NOTE

It is estimated that this bill will produce additional revenue during the biennium as follows:

1971-72	1972-73
\$1,000,000	None

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to alleviate the congestion that exists annually during the months of January and February in the motor vehicle registration program by providing a staggered system requiring the registration of passenger cars over a 9-month period each year in lieu of the present March 1st requirement. Convenience and improvement of service to the general public are the ultimate goals of this Act.