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Reported by Senator Greeley of Waldo from the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Order (S. P. 900) and printed under Joint Rules No. 18.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

**AN ACT Authorizing the Secretary of State to Extend Expiration Date of
All Motor Vehicle Registrations under Emergency Conditions.**

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

Whereas, certain circumstances may make it impossible to issue new motor vehicle license plates prior to the expiration date of old plates as heretofore established; and

Whereas, motor vehicle owners must be able to secure new license plates in compliance with legally established dates; and

Whereas, motor vehicle owners could, under certain circumstances, be deprived of their right to lawfully operate their vehicles if new plates were not available by the dates established by law; 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:

R. S., T. 29, § 106-A, additional. Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 106-A, to read as follows:

§ 106-A. Extension of motor vehicle registration expiration dates

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Title, the Secretary of State is empowered to extend the expiration date of any or all motor vehicle registrations under such emergency conditions as may make such extension necessary.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

Unforeseen equipment failures in the production of motor vehicle license plates may result in a situation whereby a sufficient supply of plates would not be available to meet the demands of the motoring public by the expiration date of old registrations as set by law.