

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 239

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H. P. 182 House of Representatives, January 21, 1975  
Speaker laid before the House and referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. MacEachern of Lincoln.

Cosponsors: Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick, Mr. Martin of Saint Agatha and Mr. Wilfong of Stow.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to Issuance of Motor Vehicle Registrations by Municipal Tax Officers.

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

29 MRSA § 52, as amended by PL 1971, c. 360, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 52. Deputy agents, examiners and inspectors

The Secretary of State may appoint and deputize agents, examiners and inspectors, stationed at convenient places in the State, to receive applications for registration and licenses for the operation of vehicles and to conduct examinations when ordered by the Secretary of State. Such agents may include municipal excise tax collectors or other designated officials when application for such appointments is made by the governing body of the municipality involved. Such appointees may charge any applicant \$1 extra over and above the required registration fee for each registration issued, said \$1 to be retained by the municipality. Appointments of municipal excise tax collectors or other designated officials as agents may be revoked for cause by the Secretary of State.

FISCAL NOTE

This Act could result in the eventual closing of several motor vehicle branch offices at an estimated annual savings of \$140,000. It is also estimated that this Act could result in a new income to municipalities of \$200,000.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide a more accessible automobile registration service to outlying areas and to relieve some of the pressures on the present registration offices.