

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 906

H. P. 729

House of Representatives, March 5, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Snow of Falmouth.

Cosponsor: Mr. LaPointe of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Providing for Bicycle Registration.

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

29 MRSA § 1964 is enacted to read:

§ 1964. License requirement

1. Bicycle license required. After January 1, 1976, no person shall ride, move, haul or leave standing or allow to be ridden, moved, hauled or left standing any bicycle on any street or highway or other public property unless such bicycle has been licensed in accordance with this section.

2. Secretary of State to provide license tags and registration form to municipalities. Bicycle license tags, of a form and content to be determined by the Secretary of State, and registration forms shall be provided by the Secretary of State to each local municipality. Registration forms shall contain the following: The name and address of the registered owner; the make, type and model of the bicycle; the serial number and license number of the bicycle; the date of purchase; a place for name and address of a new registered owner; and such other data as may be required by the Secretary of State.

3. Registration validity and fees. Registrations shall be valid for a period of 2 years from date of issue. A fee of \$2 shall be charged by the municipality for the registration of each bicycle, and a license tag affixed to the bicycle frame. Of the fee, \$1 shall be retained by the municipality for administration of the registration program and a bicycle safety program; and \$1 shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State.

4. Safety equipment inspection required. The license tag shall not be affixed to the bicycle until the bicycle shall have passed a safety equipment inspection conducted by the municipality upon standards established by the Secretary of State.

5. Use of collected fees. Fees collected by the Secretary of State under this section shall be used for administration of bicycle records, and for construction, operation and maintenance of bikeways.

6. Municipality permitted to designate agency. For the purpose of this section, the term "municipality" shall be deemed to mean municipality or other agency designated by the municipality.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide for bicycle registration, to provide a means for recovering stolen bicycles and provide funds for bikeways.