

## ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

### Legislative Document

No. 961

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# STATE OF MAINE

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE

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

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

29 MRSA § 52-A is enacted to read :

§ 52-A. Municipal officials as agents

With the approval of the municipal officers of a municipality, the Secretary of State may appoint municipal tax collectors, or such other persons as a municipality may designate to collect excise taxes on vehicles, as agents to receive applications for the renewal of registrations for the operation of automobiles and motor trucks not exceeding 6,000 pounds gross weight, provided such vehicles are not for hire. The appointment of any such agent shall continue while the agent shall hold such office or employment, unless the body which approved the appointment requests that it be revoked. Appointments may be revoked for cause by the Secretary of State.

Such agents shall charge any applicant \$1 over and above the required, registration fee for each registration issued, said \$1 to be retained by the municipality.

#### FISCAL NOTE

It is estimated that this Act could result in a new income to municipalities of \$200,000.

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### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill, drawn from legislation introduced by Representative Eugene Churchill and Representative Robert MacEachern, would provide for a more accessible automobile registration service to outlying areas and would relieve some of the pressures on the present registration offices.