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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 842, L.D. 1027, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning Vehicles Left on the Premises of Commercial Garages and Certain Other Automobile Businesses for a Period of 6 Months or More."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of subsection 1 of that part designated "§895-A." and inserting in place thereof the following:

'1. Vehicles unclaimed for 6 months; notice by publication. If a motor vehicle with damage to its mechanical or body parts which has resulted from an accident has been brought to the premises of any garage, auto body repair shop, service station or auto dealership for storage or repair, or both, and has been left on such premises for 6 months or more and, if the identity of the owner of said vehicle has been determined and such owner, after reasonable notice, has not claimed said vehicle and paid all reasonable costs and charges for its storage and repair or, if the identity or location of the owner of said vehicle has not been ascertained, the owner of such premises may cause to be published at least once in a newspaper

of general circulation in the county where said premises are located a notice clearly describing said vehicle and stating that if the owner of said vehicle has not properly claimed it and paid all reasonable costs and charges for its storage and any repair work that may have been done on it within 30 days of the date of such published notice, title to that vehicle shall pass to the owner of the garage, auto body repair shop, service station or auto dealership where it is located.

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are clarification and to provide for the publication of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the garage, auto body repair shop, service station or auto dealership having custody of an unclaimed motor vehicle is located, prior to the passing of title to said vehicle to the owner of said garage, auto body repair shop, service station or auto dealership.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.

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