

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1494

H. P. 1199

House of Representatives, March 25, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Snowe of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Delivery of Suspensions under the Motor Vehicle Laws.

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

29 MRSA § 2241, 3rd ¶ from the end, first 2 sentences, as repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 345, § 1, are amended to read:

The notification of the suspension or revocation of any certificate of registration or any license issued to any person to operate a motor vehicle shall be sufficient if sent to the registrant or licensee to the address given by him by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, with instructions to deliver to addressee only to the last address given to the Secretary of State by such registrant or licensee. Notification by registered or certified mail shall be complete when the registered or certified mail is delivered and the return receipt signed

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to place a duty upon the licensee or registrant to keep the Secretary of State informed of his current address insofar as matters relating to motor vehicles may be involved. Current requirements of notification by registered or certified mail have resulted in a volume of individuals whose right to operate motor vehicles has been suspended by the Secretary of State, but who by their refusal to accept such registered or certified mail and thus complete the notification, continue to operate in an unlawful manner, conviction for which offense is virtually impossible. Such volume likewise precludes individual service of notice of suspension.