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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bowie of Gardiner.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SIX

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**AN ACT to Amend the Law Relating to the Registration of Pickup Trucks.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, it was the intent of Title 29, section 242, subsection 1-A, 2nd paragraph, to authorize the registration of pickup trucks not registered in excess of 6,000 pounds gross weight as automobiles, regardless of how used; and

Whereas, said section did not accomplish the intended change; and

Whereas, said section has created administrative uncertainties and confusion in interpreting legislative intent; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

29 MRSA § 242, sub-§ 1-A, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 219, is amended to read:

For the purposes of registration only, a ~~privately owned pickup truck which is not used in any way in connection with a commercial enterprise~~ may be registered as provided herein for automobiles provided that at no time shall

the gross weight of a pickup truck so registered exceed 6,000 pounds when used as a motor truck or truck tractor. The owner of such a pickup truck desiring a gross weight in excess of 6,000 pounds shall register the same as provided in section 246.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to amend Title 29, section 242, so that pickup trucks regardless of how used but not grossed for over 6,000 pounds may be registered as automobiles, meaning that they may be included in the "Stagger System."