

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 272

S. P. 113

In Senate, February 9, 1977

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Martin of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Registration of Trucks of Less Than 6,000 Pounds
as Automobiles.

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

Whereas, the provisions of the present law are difficult to enforce; and

Whereas, there is a certain inequity in the law which requires immediate change; 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 ¶, 1st sentence, 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.

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 bill is to allow any truck not registered in excess of 6,000 pounds GVW (gross vehicle weight) to be registered as an automobile regardless of use. No loss of revenue results from the bill and, in fact, certain savings will be realized by allowing the use of the same set of plates when transfer is made from car to truck.

This change is necessary to eliminate the unfair and unadministerable situation which occurs when registrants transfer registrations from car to truck and must be assigned a February expiration date regardless of the number of months beyond February that the car had been registered for.