

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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## Legislative Document

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H. P. 250

House of Representatives, February 9, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. MacEachern of Lincoln.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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### AN ACT to Clarify Transporter Registration and Licensing.

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

29 MRSA § 360, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 529, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 360. Transporter registration certificate and plate; fee

Any person may apply and continue to qualify for a transporter registration license and plates for the purpose of transportation and delivery of vehicles owned or temporarily in their custody as long as the individual maintains a business location as defined by section 341, subsection 11. An applicant may apply for a license by filing with the Secretary of State an application in such form as the Secretary of State may prescribe and upon payment of the necessary fee. The holder of a transporter registration plate may transport or deliver vehicles using this plate only if the vehicle is accompanied by the person licensed under this section or an individual in his employ. In no event shall any transporter plate be used in lieu of registration plates issued under this Title, or be loaned or rented to any person or be used by the licensee for personal reasons. Transporter plates shall not be used on a towing vehicle.

Fees for transporter registration licenses and plates shall be as set forth in section 347.

1. Application of other sections. Sections 349 to 353 shall also apply to transporter registration licenses and plates.

A. Exception. Section 349, subsection 1, paragraph C shall not apply.

2. Limitation of use for transporter plates. Transporter plates shall be

limited to the transportation of vehicles for the following purposes only:

A. For the purpose of transporting in order to repair or improve a vehicle owned by or temporarily in the custody of the holder of a duly issued transporter plate.

B. For the purpose of transporting in order to dismantle or junk a vehicle owned by or temporarily in the custody of the holder of a duly issued transporter plate.

C. For the purpose of transporting in order to foreclose on or repossess a vehicle owned by or temporarily in the custody of the holder of a duly issued transporter plate.

3. Private road activity. In the event of repair or service work, a vehicle used exclusively for private road activity shall be allowed to obtain a temporary permit from municipal, county or state law enforcement agencies enabling the vehicle to be driven unladen to and from the place of repair. Prior to issuance of such permit, each vehicle shall be examined by the issuing law enforcement agency to insure that inspection standards are met. The temporary permit shall be designed by the Secretary of State.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to establish specific guidelines concerning transporter registration and licensing in order to strengthen the ambiguous and unenforceable position presently facing the Motor Vehicle Division.