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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 145

In Senate, February 10, 1977

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator O'Leary of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Establish 4-Year Motor Vehicle Licenses.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 542, 1st ¶ is amended to read:

All new and renewal licenses to operate motor vehicles shall expire at midnight on the license holder's ~~2nd~~ 4th birthday next following the date of issuance of ~~said~~ license. The fee for such license shall be ~~\$5~~ \$10.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 542 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The transition to the 4-year license shall be made in the following manner: The Secretary of State shall devise a schedule whereby half of all renewal licenses shall be issued for 2 years while all other new and renewal licenses shall be issued for 4 years. Upon the expiration of those 2-year renewal licenses, all licenses thereafter shall be issued for 4 years. The fee for all 2-year licenses shall be \$5.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to establish a 4-year motor vehicle license. The present system tends to be awkward and difficult to administer because of the vast number of licenses (approximately 300,000) processed each year. The primary reason for adopting a 4-year license program is that the 4-year license creates a situation whereby only half as many licenses will have to be processed each year; consequently, this will insure greater efficiency and will generate considerable savings.

The savings will result from a reduction in mailing costs (conservatively estimated at \$30,000 per year after implementation) and a reduction in manpower needed to process the licenses. With spiraling postal costs the need for adoption of this measure is essential.