

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 553

H. P. 447

House of Representatives, February 17, 1977

On motion of Mr. Carroll of Limerick, referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Authorize the Issuance of 5-year Registration Plates for Certain Trailers.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 244, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 589, §§ 8, 9 and 10, is further amended by inserting after the first subsection 1, the following new subsection:

2. Optional 5-year registration plates for trailers.

A. The owner of a fleet of not less than 100 trailers may elect to register those trailers for a 5-year period by making application to the Secretary of State in accordance with this section.

B. The application shall be made on a form and contain information as prescribed by the Secretary of State. Upon payment of the required fees and upon meeting other requirements prescribed by the Secretary of State, there shall be issued, to each vehicle for which application has been made, a registration plate which shall be valid for 5 years, provided that all requirements of this section are complied with.

C. At the time application for registration or renewal of registration is made pursuant to this section, the applicant shall pay all fees required under this Title for the first year of the 5-year plate. The applicant shall also submit acceptable evidence of a surety bond in a form designated by the Secretary of State and with a surety approved by the Secretary of State. The amount of the bond shall equal the sum of total registration fees for the remaining 4 years for all vehicles owned by the applicant which are registered pursuant to this section.

D. The registrant shall be required to pay all registration renewal fees for vehicles registered pursuant to this section on an annual basis and prior to the last day of each registration year.

E. The amount of the surety bond may be reduced annually so as to cover only the remaining amount due.

F. The Secretary of State may adopt rules and regulations necessary for the administration and enforcement of this section.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall take effect commencing with the 1978 registration year for nonstagger vehicles.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to reduce administrative costs to private or rental trailer companies by eliminating their need to "catch up" with each trailer annually for the purpose of affixing a validation sticker to the license plate. A surety bond would be furnished to assure that the State would lose no revenue.