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H. P. 733

House of Representatives, March 9, 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. Stubbs of Hallowell.

Cosponsor: Mr. Bustin of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide that Owners of Expired Motor Vehicle Registrations and Inspection Stickers be Allowed a One-month Period of Grace.

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

29 MRSA § 2122-A, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 731, § 60, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 2122-A. Failure to display inspection certificate

1. Unlawful operation. It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator, or both, of any vehicle required to be inspected under section 2122 to operate or permit to be operated such vehicle without having displayed thereon a current and valid certificate of inspection or fail to produce same on demand of any police officer.

2. Warning or expiration. The owner or driver of a motor vehicle registered or inspected in Maine whose registration or inspection sticker has expired shall receive only a warning and not a summons to court if found to be traveling upon a public way within the State of Maine during the first month immediately after the expiration of the registration or inspection sticker.

This subsection shall not apply after a person has received one warning during any given one-month period of grace.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide that owners of expired motor vehicle registrations and inspection stickers be allowed a one month period of grace.

With the advent of staggered registration and inspection dates, many owners and drivers of vehicles have been unnecessarily hauled into court and found guilty for driving with an expired registration or inspection sticker, despite the fact that they had no intention whatsoever of violating the law.