

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1038

H. P. 847

House of Representatives, March 15, 1977

On Motion of Mr. Carroll of Limerick referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and 1,800 ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wilfong of Stow.

Cosponsors: Mr. Devoe of Orono, Mr. Elias of Madison and Mr. Wyman of Pittsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide for Local Registration of all Motor Vehicles.

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

29 MRSA § 52-B is enacted to read:

§ 52-B. Municipalities designated to register all motor vehicles

1. Selection. The Secretary of State may select, with the approval of the municipal officers of each municipality, no less than 3 and no more than 5 municipalities in each county in which automobiles and motor trucks may be registered. The municipalities selected by the Secretary of State shall represent as many different sections of each county as possible in order to provide convenient locations for the citizens of each county. With the approval of the municipal officers of the municipality, the Secretary of State may appoint municipal tax collectors, or such other persons as a municipality may designate to collect excise taxes on vehicles, as agents to receive applications for the registration and renewal of registrations for the operation of automobiles and motor trucks, not to exceed the maximum weight permitted by law. The appointment of any such agent shall continue while the agent shall hold such office or employment, unless the body which approved the appointment requests that it be revoked. Appointments may be revoked for cause by the Secretary of State.

A. The municipal agents designated by the Secretary of State shall charge an additional fee of \$1 for each registration and reregistration of an automobile or motor truck to be retained by the municipality to defray municipal administration costs.

2. **Training.** The Secretary of State shall provide the necessary training that municipal agents will require to implement this section. No municipal agent shall receive applications for registration and renewal of registrations of automobiles and motor trucks, unless the agent has successfully completed a training program provided by the Secretary of State.

FISCAL NOTE

The cost savings generated by this bill will offset the costs incurred by the training program created in this bill.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to make motor truck and automobile registration more convenient for Maine citizens. This bill will allow Maine citizens to register all vehicles in designated municipalities.