

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 150**

H. P. 147

House of Representatives, January 24, 1979

Referred to the 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

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Revise the Service Charge for Local Vehicle Registration Agents.**

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

**29 MRSA § 52-A, first ¶, last sentence**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 694, § 486, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**The agents may charge any applicant \$1 over and above the required registration fee for each renewal issued and \$2 in the case of each new registration issued, the service charges to be retained by the municipality.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to revise the service charges retained by the municipalities in the case of registrations only.

Under present law, municipal agents are authorized to charge \$1 for each renewal or registration issued. The increased volume of paperwork, time involved, and postage fees attendant to the processing of new registrations as opposed to renewals, merits an increase in the service fee from \$1 to \$2 for registrations only. The public's response to the municipalities' new services is very favorable, since, in many cases, hours are saved in traveling time for the customer when he can process a registration locally.