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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-565)
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 767, L.D. 970, Bill, "AN
for
ACT to Provide Staggered Registration for Motor Trucks."

Amend the Bill in section 1, in that part designated "§106.",
in the 2nd line (same in L.D.) by inserting after the underlined
word and punctuation "automobiles," the underlined words 'newly
acquired'

Further amend the Bill in section 1, in that part designated
"§106." by striking out all of subsections 1 to 3 and renumbering
subsections 4 to 6 to be subsections 1 to 3.

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of section 5
and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 5. 29 MRSA §1755, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1977,
c. 193, is amended to read:

~~In-addition, every vehicle carrying logs during~~ During
the hours when lights are required, every owner of a vehicle
carrying logs which project more than 5 feet from the rear
of the vehicle, shall be required to display a red reflector
or to paint reflectorized paint on the end of the log projecting
furthest to the rear. ~~Such~~ The reflector or reflectorized paint
shall be deemed inadequate unless of sufficient size, properly
located and maintained so as to reflect, at night on an unlighted
highway for at least 200 feet, the lawful undimmed headlights
of a vehicle approaching from the rear.'

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Fiscal Note

Based upon registrations in previous years, it is estimated that this bill will incur a loss to the General Highway Fund of \$463,000 for the biennium 1979-81. This estimate does not take into consideration that some truck owners may delay the purchase of new motor trucks and truck tractors that have become very expensive to purchase. The loss of these revenues represents 3% of the total revenues collected from the registration of these vehicles.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to restrict staggered registration of trucks to newly acquired motor trucks and truck tractors. This amendment will correct a severe injustice which requires owners of trucks who register a new truck prior to the expiration of the registration of their old truck registration to pay a full year's registration. For example, a person who purchases a truck in January is required to pay \$600 in registration fees for the existing registration year and, in February, pay another \$600 for the new registration year.

In addition, this amendment allows trucks hauling logs to use reflectorized paint or a red reflector to warn vehicles behind the trucks that logs protrude from the vehicle.

Reported by the Committee on Transportation
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