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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-465)  
109TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 858, L.D. 1058, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Provide for the Issuance of a Warning for Operating  
an Unregistered Motor Vehicle within One Month of the  
Expiration of Registration."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the  
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'29 MRSA §102, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 371, §2,  
is further amended by inserting at the end the following  
new paragraph:

Upon renewal, the registration expiration date is one year  
from the previous registration expiration date for any vehicle  
whose registration has expired for more than 30 days and for which  
renewal is requested by the owner in whose name the previous  
registration was issued. If that owner provides satis-  
factory evidence and certifies in writing to the Secretary  
of State that the vehicle has not been operated on a public  
way during the period of registration expiration, the registration  
expiration date, upon renewal, is one year from the date of registra-  
tion renewal.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to stop a practice that is depriving the State and municipalities of significant revenues. At the present time many vehicle owners renew their registration after a period during which the vehicle has been operated with an expired registration. Upon renewal, the vehicle has a registration date commencing with the date of renewal. As a result, registration and excise tax revenues are lost.

This amendment requires anyone who registers a vehicle with an expired registration of more than 30 days to be given a registration date, upon renewal of one year from the previous registration expiration date. If a person can provide satisfactory evidence that the vehicle has not been operated while the registration has been expired, the vehicle will be subject to a registration expiration date of one year from the date of registration renewal.