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H. P. 858

House of Representatives, March 5, 1979 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. Tierney of Lisbon Falls.

Cosponsors: Mrs. Reeves of Pittston, Mr. Barry of Fort Kent and Mr. Kane of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Provide for the Issuance of a Warning for Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle within One Month of the Expiration of Registration.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 102, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 371, § 2, is repealed as follows:

However, any person who operates or permits to be operated any vehicle when the registration for the vehicle has expired within 30 days shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 102, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 371, §§ 1 and 2, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the owner or operator of a vehicle for which the registration has expired within 30 days shall not be subject to any fine, imprisonment or other penalty but shall be issued a warning in a form to be designated by the Chief of the State Police. This warning shall state that the owner or operator shall within 3 business days therefrom cause the vehicle to be registered in accordance with this chapter and that the person issuing the new

registration shall sign the warning notice and forward it to the Chief of the State Police. Failure to comply with a warning issued pursuant to this section shall constitute a violation of this section and shall be punished in accordance with this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide that only a warning will be issued for unregistered motor vehicles within one month of the expiration of the registration.