

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1572**

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H. P. 1318

House of Representatives, April 19, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hall of Sangerville.

Cosponsor: Mr. Soulas of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Adjust Motor Vehicle Registration Fees.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, inflation has substantially increased the costs to maintain roads and other programs supported by the General Highway Fund; and

Whereas, the growth of revenue from highway user taxes has not kept pace with inflation due to smaller, more fuel efficient vehicles operating on Maine roads and the establishment of the 55 miles per hour speed limit; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 242, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, first sentence** is amended to read:

Used for the conveyance of passengers, ~~\$15~~ **\$20.**

**Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 246, first ¶ and the 2nd ¶**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 237, § 1, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

With each application for registration of a motor truck, tractors and truck tractor shall be paid an annual registration fee graduated as follows when equipped with pneumatic tires:

From 0 pounds gross weight to 6,000 pounds gross weight .....	\$ 20
From 6,001 pounds gross weight to 9,000 pounds gross weight.....	27
From 9,001 pounds gross weight to 11,000 pounds gross weight.....	47
From 11,001 pounds gross weight to 14,000 pounds gross weight.....	80
From 14,001 pounds gross weight to 16,000 pounds gross weight.....	106
From 16,001 pounds gross weight to 18,000 pounds gross weight.....	133
From 18,001 pounds gross weight to 20,000 pounds gross weight.....	166
From 20,001 pounds gross weight to 23,000 pounds gross weight.....	200
From 23,001 pounds gross weight to 26,000 pounds gross weight.....	233
From 26,001 pounds gross weight to 29,000 pounds gross weight.....	285
From 29,001 pounds gross weight to 32,000 pounds gross weight.....	321
From 32,001 pounds gross weight to 35,000 pounds gross weight.....	356
From 35,001 pounds gross weight to 38,000 pounds gross weight.....	391
From 38,001 pounds gross weight to 42,000 pounds gross weight.....	427
From 42,001 pounds gross weight to 46,000 pounds gross weight.....	463
From 46,001 pounds gross weight to 50,000 pounds gross weight.....	500
From 50,001 pounds gross weight to 55,000 pounds gross weight.....	552
From 55,001 pounds gross weight to 60,000 pounds gross weight.....	605
From 60,001 pounds gross weight to 65,000 pounds gross weight.....	658
From 65,001 pounds gross weight to 70,550 pounds gross weight.....	725
From 70,551 pounds gross weight to 73,280 pounds gross weight.....	800

A registration fee of \$20 shall be paid for each 1,000 pounds or portion thereof of gross weight a vehicle is registered for in excess of 73,280 pounds.

**Sec. 3. Termination date.** The fees established by this Act shall terminate on October 1, 1981, and the fees in effect immediately prior to the enactment of this Act shall prevail.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect on August 1, 1979.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will increase the automobile registration fee from \$15 per year to \$20 per year and provides for a directly proportional increase in truck registration fees. This bill will generate approximately \$5,500,000 annually.