

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mrs. Reeves of Pittston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

**AN ACT to Provide for the Reregistration of a Motor Vehicle when the Previous Registration has Expired for more than 30 Days.**

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

29 MRSA § 106, as amended by PL 1979, c. 443 and as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 552, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 106. **Expiration date**

The registration year for all vehicles, except automobiles, newly acquired motor trucks and truck tractors, is from March 1st to the last day of February of the next calendar year. On and after February 1st, it is lawful to use and display on those vehicles the number plates or suitable devices in lieu thereof issued for the registration year.

1. **New motor truck and truck tractor registrations.** New motor truck and truck tractor registrations expire at the end of the month one year from the month of issuance.

2. **Automobile registrations and reregistrations.** Automobile registrations and reregistrations shall be in accordance with this subsection.

A. **Automobile registrations expire annually on the last day of the month, one year from the month of issuance.**

**B. Except as herein provided, when application for reregistration of an automobile is made after the registration for the previous year has been expired for more than 30 days, the expiration date of the renewal is at the end of the month, one year from the month of issuance of the previous registration. If the applicant provides satisfactory 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 expired registration, the registration expiration date, upon renewal, is at the end of the month one year from the month of issuance of the registration renewal.**

**C. Any person who has a fleet of 5 or more automobiles may petition the Secretary of State for an expiration date of all automobiles in the fleet.**

**3. Number plates. Number plates or a suitable device in lieu thereof furnished for the next registration period for automobiles, motor trucks and truck tractors may be displayed on the first day of the month in which the current registration expires.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to correct a substantive conflict in Title 29 created by the enactment of both PL 1979, chapters 443 and 552. Chapter 443 amended the section to provide that anyone reregistering a vehicle with an expired registration of more than 30 days be given a registration date of one year from the previous registration expiration date, unless he can prove that the vehicle was not operated while the registration was expired. Chapter 552 repealed and replaced the entire section of Title 29 and inadvertently failed to pick up the change made by chapter 443, creating a substantive conflict.