

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 376

H. P. 337

House of Representatives, January 21, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Twitchell of Norway.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Establish a Fee for the Purchase of New Number Plates.

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

29 MRSA § 152, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 552, § 2, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

All persons purchasing new number plates shall be charged a fee of \$2. Any individual who wishes, at the time of transfer, to purchase a new set of number plates rather than transfer the old plates may do so by paying a fee of \$2, in addition to the \$8 transfer charge. No fee other than the \$8 transfer fee may be levied if the person transfers the old number plates to the new vehicle. All motor vehicles shall display 2 number plates in the manner described in section 381.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide a savings to the people of the State. Moreover, it will permit retention of the 2-plate system.

There are currently 1,200,000 sets of license plates in issue but only 700,000 passenger cars on the road. This would indicate that people are discarding old plates when they transfer vehicles.

A fee for a new set of number plates would provide revenue to cover the cost of issue to those who desire new plates. The option still exists for those who do not wish to pay the additional fee to transfer the old plates to the new vehicle. The expected savings to the State is about \$250,000.