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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-298)
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 356, L.D. 1031, Bill,
"AN ACT to Provide a One Month Grace Period for Expired
Motor Vehicle Registrations."

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

'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §102, first ¶, as repealed and
replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, §138, is amended by adding at
the end 3 new sentences to read:

The owner or operator of a vehicle operated with an expired
registration during the 30 days immediately after the
expiration of the registration shall be issued a warning,
rather than a summons, in a form to be designated by the
Chief of the State Police. This warning shall state that the
owner or operator shall, within 2 business days, cause the
vehicle to be registered in accordance with this chapter.
The warning shall further state that, because the owner
or operator was found operating an unregistered vehicle
during the 30 days immediately after the expiration of the
registration, the renewed registration shall expire on the
same month as the previous registration and the registration
fee shall be that of a full year registration.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §102, 2nd ¶, 5th sentence, as enacted
by PL 1977, c. 371, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §102, 2nd ¶, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 371, §2, is repealed.

Statement of Fact

This amendment, like the bill, permits a person whose car registration has expired for less than 30 days to receive a warning only. The person will be permitted 2 business days to properly register. The amendment removes the additional \$10 fee proposed in the bill.

Presently, motorists with expired registrations receive citations, sometimes requiring a court appearance on an already overburdened court system. Often, the motorist is required to leave the vehicle where cited until it is reregistered. The amendment handles this minor infraction in a more equitable and realistic manner.

The amendment also includes all the corrections to the bill which were suggested by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Filed by Mr. Fowlie of Rockland.
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