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SENATE 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'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §102, first ¶, as repealed and replaced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,
plus \$10 to be paid to the municipality where any excise tax
is paid.

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by PL 1977, c. 371, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §102, 2nd ¶, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 371, §2, is repealed.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 and pay an additional \$10 fee, ^{the fee} to go to the municipality where the excise tax is paid. The amendment makes it clear that only those persons given the warning, because of the expiration within the grace period, would be required to pay the additional \$10. 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.

(Sen. Huber)

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