

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1031

S. P. 356

In Senate, February 26, 1981

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Huber of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide a One Month Grace Period for Expired Motor Vehicle Registrations.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 102, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, § 138, is amended by adding at the end 3 new sentences to read: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 first month 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 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 ¶, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1979, c. 584, is further amended to read:

Further, any officer of the State Police, any sheriff or full-time deputy sheriff, any full-time municipal police officer and certain employees of the Motor Vehicle Division so designated by the Secretary of State shall issue a permit to allow the operation of an unregistered motor vehicle only to the owner's residence or to an office of the Motor Vehicle Division for the sole purpose of ~~renewing the~~

~~registration of registering that vehicle by the same owner as indicated on the expired registration certificate.~~

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 102, 2nd ¶, 3rd and 5th sentences, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 371, § 1, are repealed.

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA § 102, 2nd ¶, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 371, § 2, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill permits a person whose car registration has expired for less than 30 days to receive a warning only, be permitted 2 business days to properly register and pay an additional \$10 fee, to go to the municipality where the excise tax is paid. 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 bill handles this minor infraction in a more equitable and realistic manner.