

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1214

House of Representatives, March 23, 1981

Reported by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Order, H. P. 1958.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Reported by Representative Carroll from the Committee on Transportation. Pursuant to H. P. 1958 Printed under Joint Rules No. 18.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Clarify the Statutory Provisions for the Registration of Motor Vehicles in Maine.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 1, sub-§ 10-D is enacted to read:

10-D. Resident. "Resident" means all legal residents of this State, all persons who have declared or established residence in this State and any person who accepts employment or engages in a trade, profession or occupation in this State for a period of at least 6 months. Any foreign person having a place of business in this State shall be deemed to be a resident as to all vehicles owned or leased and which are garaged or maintained in this State, or in the case of foreign persons in the business of renting you-drive or you-haul vehicles as to an apportioned share of their fleet based upon the mileage of all vehicles of the owner operated in this State bears to the total mileage of all vehicles of the owner operated both within and without the State.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 102, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, § 138, is further amended to read:

Except as section 2243 provides for reciprocity with other states, any resident person, firm or corporation, or owner as defined in section 1, who fails to register

any vehicle to be operated, caused to be operated or remain on any way in this State shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to stop the practice whereby persons and businesses, resident in Maine, register trucks outside the State to avoid Maine's truck registration fees. This bill will generate substantial revenues for the Highway Fund.