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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1160

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7 H.P. 895

House of Representatives, March 10, 1983

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

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Carroll of Limerick.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Amend Certain Motor Vehicle
18 Title Laws of the State.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §2351, sub-§1, as enacted by PL
23 1973, c. 586, §1, is repealed and the following
24 enacted in its place:

25 1. Dealer. "Dealer" means every person engaged
26 in the business of buying, selling, exchanging,
27 offering to negotiate, negotiating or advertising the
28 sale of a vehicle who has an established place of
29 business for those purposes in this State and to whom
30 a current dealer license has been issued by the
31 Secretary of State.

32 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §2351, sub-§1-A is enacted to
33 read:

1 1-A. Component part. "Component part" means any
2 part of a vehicle, other than a tire, having a
3 manufacturer's identification number or an identifi-
4 cation number issued by the Secretary of State.

5 Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §2365, as amended by PL 1981, c.
6 110, §16, is further amended to read:

7 §2365. Secretary of State to check identification
8 number

9 The Secretary of State, upon receiving applica-
10 tion for a ~~first~~ certificate of title or certificate
11 of salvage, shall check the identification number of
12 the vehicle shown in the application against the
13 records of vehicles required to be maintained by
14 section 2366 and against the record of stolen and
15 converted vehicles required to be maintained by
16 section 2444.

17 Sec. 4. 29 MRSA §2377, sub-§4, as enacted by PL
18 1981, c. 110, §34, is amended to read:

19 4. Assigned vehicle identification number. The
20 Secretary of State shall charge a fee of \$10 , as
21 prescribed by section 2352 of this Title, for each
22 vehicle identification number he assigns pursuant to
23 subsection 3, paragraph B.

24 Sec. 5. 29 MRSA §2378, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by
25 PL 1981, c. 110, §35, is further amended to read:

26 C. A person fails to mail or deliver a certifi-
27 cate of title, certificate of salvage or an
28 application for certificate of title or certifi-
29 cate of salvage or fails to furnish any informa-
30 tion the Secretary of State may request within 10
31 days after the time required by this chapter.

32 Sec. 6. 29 MRSA §2442, sub-§3 is enacted to
33 read:

34 3. Vehicle identification numbers. Every manu-
35 facturer or assembler of a vehicle sold in this State
36 shall provide that vehicle with a vehicle identifi-
37 cation number and, upon request of the Secretary of
38 State, shall inform him concerning the location or

1 locations of every vehicle identification number and
2 other identifying numbers on that vehicle. The
3 Secretary of State may refuse to register or issue a
4 certificate of title for any vehicle made by a manu-
5 facturer or assembler who fails to comply with this
6 section.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 The purposes of this bill are:

9 1. To provide definitions of terms used in the
10 title and antitheft provisions of Title 29;

11 2. To bring statutory provisions in line with
12 the current practice of the Secretary of State in
13 ensuring the validity of all title transfers;

14 3. To incorporate in Title 29, section 2377,
15 subsection 4, grant of authority, the fee schedule
16 set forth in section 2352;

17 4. To provide a sanction for failing to comply
18 with a request by the Secretary of State for informa-
19 tion regarding a certificate of title; and

20 5. To require vehicle manufacturers to provide
21 the Secretary of State a current list of all the
22 identification numbers assigned to a vehicle as well
23 as the locations of all of these numbers.

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