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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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South Portland. Cosponsored by Representative STROUT of
Corinth.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Amend Implementation of the
2 International Registration Plan and
3 Apportioned Fees for Certain
4 Commercial Vehicles.
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6 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §242, as amended by PL 1985, c.
9 762, §§26 and 27, is further amended by adding at the
10 end 2 new paragraphs to read:

11 With the approval of the Secretary of State, an
12 annual registration fee for the State under the In-
13 ternational Registration Plan may be paid in quarter-
14 ly installments. If the person in whose name a vehi-

1 cle is registered fails to make timely payments of a
2 fee or an approved quarterly installment of the fee,
3 the Secretary of State may suspend, without prelimi-
4 nary hearing, the registration of the vehicle pursu-
5 ant to section 2241, subsection 3. In cases in which
6 a vehicle has been registered as part of a fleet and
7 there has been failure to make a payment for the ve-
8 hicle, the Secretary of State may suspend registra-
9 tions for all vehicles in the fleet.

10 Vehicles being registered under the International
11 Registration Plan shall be subject to a registration
12 fee determined on a monthly prorated basis if the
13 registration period is less than one year.

14 **Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §245, last ¶, as amended by PL**
15 **1985, c. 735, §§2 and 7, is repealed.**

16 **Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §2243-A, first ¶, as amended by**
17 **PL 1985, c. 735, §4, is further amended to read:**

18 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Ti-
19 tle, the Secretary of State, in concurrence with the
20 Commissioner of Transportation, is authorized to en-
21 ter into reciprocal agreements or plans on behalf of
22 the State of Maine with the appropriate authorities
23 of any of the states of the United States, the Dis-
24 trict of Columbia or any state or province of any
25 country providing for the registration of vehicles on
26 any apportionment or allocation basis and may, in the
27 exercise of this authority, enter into and become a
28 member of the International Registration Plan with an
29 entry date of January 1, ~~1989~~ 1990.

30 **Sec. 4. 29 MRSA §2243-A, sub-§3, as enacted by**
31 **PL 1985, c. 735, §4, is amended to read:**

32 3. Registration transition. The annual registra-
33 tion of motor vehicles that are to be registered un-
34 der the International Registration Plan become void
35 ~~on January 1, 1987, and the annual registration fees~~
36 ~~for these vehicles, issued in the 12 months prior to~~
37 Maine's entry, shall be prorated on a monthly basis
38 and be rounded off to the nearest 1/4 of a dollar and
39 issued for such a number of months as is necessary to
40 expire on December 31st of the year prior to Maine's
41 entry into the International Registration Plan.

1 **Sec. 5.** 36 MRSA §1482, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to
2 read:

3 D. The excise tax on motor vehicles that are to
4 be registered under the International Registra-
5 tion Plan, issued in the 12 months prior to
6 Maine's entry, shall be prorated on a monthly ba-
7 sis and paid for such a number of months as is
8 necessary for the registration to expire on De-
9 cember 31st of the year prior to Maine's entry
10 into the International Registration Plan.

11 **Sec. 6.** 36 MRSA §1482, sub-§5, ¶F, as enacted by
12 PL 1985, c. 735, §§6 and 7, is repealed.

13 **Sec. 7. Effective date.** This Act shall become
14 effective on January 1, 1989, provided that Maine's
15 application to join the International Registration
16 Plan is approved.

17 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

18 This new draft accomplishes the following.

19 Section 1 changes the statutory reference from
20 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, section 245 to
21 Title 29, section 242. The new draft also adds a 2nd
22 paragraph providing for prorated registrations for
23 vehicles in the International Registration Plan that
24 register for less than one year.

25 Section 2 repeals Title 29, section 245, the last
26 paragraph and places it under Title 29, section 242.

27 Section 3 moves the entry date into the Interna-
28 tional Registration Plan from January 1, 1989, to
29 January 1, 1990, to allow time to explore the plan's
30 impact on the State.

31 Section 4 provides for prorated registrations for
32 vehicles in the year preceding entry into the Inter-
33 national Registration Plan, allowing for a common
34 registration year for those vehicles.

1 Section 5 creates a prorated excise tax to coin-
2 cide with the prorated registration during the year
3 preceding entry into the International Registration
4 Plan and is only applicable to those vehicles that
5 will be involved in the plan.

6 Section 6 repeals the excise tax credit.

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