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JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator DOW of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative STROUT of Corinth.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for Renewal of Auto
Registration and Inspection Sticker at
the Same Time.

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

7 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §106, first ¶, as repealed and
8 replaced by PL 1979, c. 664, is amended to read:

9 The registration year for all vehicles, except
10 automobiles, newly acquired motor trucks and, truck
11 tractors, motorcycles, mopeds and motor-driven cy-
12 cles, is from March 1st to the last day of February
13 of the next calendar year. On and after February 1st,
14 it is lawful to use and display on such vehicles the
15 number plates or suitable devices in lieu thereof is-
16 sued for the registration year. This section shall

1 apply to motorcycles, mopeds and motor-driven cycles
2 for reregistration in 1988 only.

3 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §106, sub-§1, as repealed and
4 replaced by PL 1979, c. 664, is amended to read:

5 1. New motor truck, truck tractor, motorcycle,
6 moped and motor-driven cycle registrations. New motor
7 truck and, truck tractor, motorcycle, moped and mo-
8 tor-driven cycle registrations expire at the end of
9 the month one year from the month of issuance.

10 Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §106, sub-§2, ¶B, as repealed
11 and replaced by PL 1979, c. 664, is amended to read:

12 B. Except as herein provided, when application
13 for registration of an automobile, motor truck,
14 or truck tractor, motorcycle, moped or
15 motor-drive cycle is made after the registration
16 for the previous year has been the expired for
17 more than 30 days, the expiration date of the re-
18 newal shall be at the end of the month, one year
19 from the month of issuance of the previous regis-
20 tration. If--the-applicant-provides-satisfactory
21 evidence-and-certifies-in-writing-to--the--Secre-
22 tary-of-State-that-the-vehicle-has-not-been-oper-
23 ated-on-a-public-way-during-the-period-of-the-ex-
24 pired--registration--the-registration-expiration
25 date--upon-renewal--is-at-the-end--of--the--month
26 one-year-from-the-month-of-issuance-of-the-regis-
27 tration-renewal.

28 Sec. 4. 29 MRSA §153, as amended by PL 1979, c.
29 552, §3, is further amended to read:

30 §153. Proration after November 1st

31 On any application for registration applied for
32 by an owner or the owner's surviving spouse of a ve-
33 hicle, except an automobile, motor truck or truck
34 tractor, motorcycle, moped or motor-driven cycle, not
35 including a log hauler or traction engine, during the
36 period between the first day of November and the last
37 day of February, 1/2 the registration fee shall be
38 charged. On an application for a registration for an
39 automobile, motor truck or, truck tractor, motorcy-
40 cle, moped or motor-driven cycle made during the last

1 4 months of a registration year, 1/2 the registration
2 fee shall be charged.

3 Sec. 5. 29 MRSA §242, sub-§1, ¶J is enacted to
4 read:

5 J. The Secretary of State, or his designee,
6 shall notify any holder of a motor vehicle regis-
7 tration, which is due to expire, of the date of
8 that expiration. This notification shall be sent
9 no more than 60 days nor less than 30 days before
10 the expiration date of the holder's registration.

11 Sec. 6. 29 MRSA §2502, first ¶, as repealed and
12 replaced by PL 1983, c. 370, §3, is amended to read:

13 All motor vehicles registered in this State, ex-
14 cept as provided in this chapter, are subject to an
15 annual inspection as provided in this chapter or sec-
16 tion 2017.

17 Sec. 7. 29 MRSA §2502, sub-§3 is enacted to
18 read:

19 3. Expiration of certificate. A certificate of
20 inspection issued for a motor vehicle registered,
21 pursuant to section 102, shall expire at the end of
22 the month in which the registration expires, or, if
23 the registration will expire at the end of the month
24 of issuance, then the certificate of inspection shall
25 expire at the end of the month one year from the
26 month of issuance, except as provided in sections
27 2017 and 2507-A.

28 A certificate of inspection issued for a motor vehi-
29 cle exempted from registration, pursuant to sections
30 242 and 255, shall expire at the end of the month one
31 year from the month of issuance.

32 Sec. 8. 29 MRSA §2507, as amended by PL 1979, c.
33 673, §13, is further amended to read:

34 §2507. Vehicles with dealer and transporter regis-
35 trations

36 No dealer or holder of a transporter registration
37 certificate in new or used motor vehicles may permit

1 any vehicle under his ownership or control to be re-
2 leased for operation upon the highways ~~until--it--has~~
3 ~~been--inspected--and--a--valid--certificate--of--inspection~~
4 ~~has--been--placed--on--the--vehicle,~~ unless the vehicle
5 meets the inspection standards required by section
6 2503 and the rules promulgated under that section,
7 except that any vehicle, that is mechanically safe
8 but requires body repairs, may be operated by the
9 owner or his employee for the sole purpose of trans-
10 porting the vehicle to an establishment for body
11 repair. If the vehicle bears a prior inspection cer-
12 tificate, the certificate shall be removed. ~~Any vehi-~~
13 ~~cle--that--is--mechanically--safe--but--requires--body--re-~~
14 ~~pairs--may--be--operated--by--the--owner--or--his--employee~~
15 ~~without--a--valid--certificate--of--inspection--for--the~~
16 ~~sole--purpose--of--transporting--the--vehicle--to--an--estab-~~
17 ~~lishment--for--body--repair.~~

18 Sec. 9. 29 MRSA §2507-A, sub-§1, as amended by
19 PL 1983, c. 370, §9, is further amended to read:

20 1. Motor vehicles required to meet standard. Ex-
21 cept as provided in section 2507 regarding vehicles
22 requiring body repair, no dealer or holder of a
23 transporter registration certificate in new or used
24 motor vehicles may permit any vehicle under his own-
25 ership or control to be sold or transferred to another
26 person or legal entity for operation upon the
27 highways unless the vehicle meets the inspection
28 standards required by section 2503 and the rules and
29 regulations promulgated thereunder and has displayed
30 thereon a valid certificate of inspection issued dur-
31 ing--the--last--30--days--prior--to--the--date on the day of
32 sale or transfer.

33 A. A certificate of inspection issued under this
34 section shall expire:

35 (1) At the end of the month in which the
36 transfer registration under section 152
37 shall expire when the new owner indicates
38 that the registration will be transferred
39 under section 152;

40 (2) At the end of the month, one year from
41 the month in which the new owner indicates
42 the vehicle will be registered under section

