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HOUSE AMENDMENT "**A**" to S.P. 608, L.D. 1798,  
Bill, "AN ACT to Require Maintenance of Financial Re-  
sponsibility by All Motorists."

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Amend the Bill by inserting after section 2 the  
following:

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'Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §102, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL  
1985, c. 429, §8, is amended to read:

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No vehicle may be operated, or remain upon any  
way, unless the same is registered and equipped in  
accordance with this Title, excepting that any offi-  
cer of the State Police, any sheriff or full-time  
deputy sheriff or any full-time municipal police of-  
ficer may, when in his opinion the same is necessary  
and not detrimental to the public safety, grant a  
permit in writing for an unregistered motor vehicle  
to be towed either by a regular service wrecker or by  
the use of a towbar. Further, any officer of the  
State Police, any sheriff or full-time deputy sher-  
iff, any full-time municipal police officer and cer-  
tain employees of the Motor Vehicle Division so des-  
ignated by the Secretary of State shall issue a per-  
mit 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 that vehicle by the same  
owner as indicated on the expired registration cer-  
tificate. The permit shall be issued only when the  
previous registration on the vehicle has expired  
within 30 days. The permit shall not remain valid for  
more than 3 consecutive days including the date of  
issuance. Application for such registration may be  
made by mail or otherwise to the Secretary of State  
upon blanks prepared under his authority. The appli-  
cation shall be signed by the owner and shall contain

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1 such particulars as may be required by the Secretary  
2 of State, including the name, residence and address  
3 of the owner, evidence of motor vehicle liability in-  
4 surance or financial responsibility, current mileage,  
5 with a brief description of the vehicle, the name of  
6 its maker, vehicle identification number, the amount  
7 of motive power, stated in figures of horsepower, the  
8 type of motor fuel if other than gasoline as defined  
9 in Title 36, section 2902, under the phrase "internal  
10 combustion engine fuel" and the actual gross weight  
11 of the vehicle if intended for commercial use.'

12 Further amend the Bill in section 3 in that part  
13 designated "\$780." by inserting after subsection 5  
14 the following:

15 '6. Impoundment. Whenever a motor vehicle is  
16 being operated by a person not having upon his person  
17 or in the vehicle the evidence of insurance or finan-  
18 cial responsibility required under subsection 2, the  
19 law enforcement officer, or any other law enforcement  
20 officer, may impound that vehicle and hold it until  
21 that vehicle is claimed and taken by the registered  
22 owner of the vehicle, who shall be notified of the  
23 impounding, or until the registered owner verifies  
24 the authority of the operator to so operate.'

25 Further amend the Bill in section 3 in that part  
26 designated "\$780." in section 780 by renumbering sub-  
27 sections 6 to 8 to be subsections 7 to 9.

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1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This amendment requires a person to produce evi-  
3 dence of insurance or financial responsibility before  
4 a person may register a vehicle. The amendment also  
5 provides the additional penalty of impoundment for  
6 persons who do not comply with the provisions of the  
7 bill.

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