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S.P. 176

In Senate, February 22, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of York.
Cosponsored by Representative PAUL of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Regarding Abandoned Vehicles.



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

3 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1111, first ¶ is amended to read:

5 No person shall may park or leave standing any vehicle,
7 whether attended or unattended, upon the paved or improved or
9 main traveled portion of any way outside of a business or
11 residence district, when it is practicable to park or leave such
13 vehicle standing off of the paved or improved or main traveled
15 portion of such way. In no event shall any person park or leave
17 standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon any
19 way unless a clear and unobstructed width of not less than 10
feet upon the main traveled portion of said way opposite such
standing vehicle shall be left for free passage of other vehicles
thereon, nor unless the operator of an approaching vehicle can
have a clear view of the way for a distance of 300 feet beyond
the parked or standing vehicle, before approaching within 200
feet of such vehicle.

21 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §1111, 3rd ¶, as amended by PL 1979, c. 316,
§3, is further amended to read:

23 When an officer finds a vehicle standing on a highway or the
25 department finds a vehicle standing on property under its
27 jurisdiction in violation of this section, he the officer or the
29 department in regard to property under its jurisdiction may move
the vehicle or require the driver or person in charge of the
vehicle to move it to a position permitted under this section.

31 Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §1111, 5th ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL
1987, c. 598, §2, is amended to read:

33 An officer may cause any vehicle parked, disabled or
35 abandoned on any way so as to interfere with or hinder the
37 removal of snow or the normal movement of traffic, or parked
39 within the limits of a highway right-of-way, or any vehicle in
41 connection with the physical arrest of the driver or owner, and
43 the Department of Transportation may cause any vehicle parked or
45 standing on property under its jurisdiction, to be removed from
the way and placed in a suitable parking place, at the expense of
the person in whose name the vehicle is registered. If a vehicle
is not registered at the time of removal, the person in whose
name the vehicle was most recently registered shall bear the
expense of its removal. Neither the State nor political
subdivisions of the State nor the officer is liable for any
damages that may be caused by the removal.

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49 STATEMENT OF FACT

51 This bill makes the most recent owner of an abandoned
vehicle responsible for the cost of removing that vehicle.