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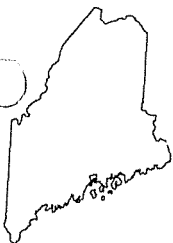
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JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Change the Uniform Traffic Ticket and Suspension Procedures.



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

3 **Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §2301-A, first ¶,** as amended by PL 1987, c.
5 575, is further amended to read:

7 ¶ Except as provided in this section, if a person fails to
9 appear in court on the day specified in response to a Uniform
11 Traffic Ticket and Complaint, a summons, a condition of bail or
13 order of court for any violation of Title 23, section 1980, Title
15 28-A, section 2052 or any provision of this Title, or for any
further appearance ordered by the court, including one for the
payment of a fine, either in person or by counsel, the court
shall suspend his that person's license or permit, his right to
operate motor vehicles in this State and the right to apply for
or obtain a license.

17 **Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §2301-A, 2nd ¶,** as enacted by PL 1979, c. 620,
19 §5, is amended to read:

21 ¶ Except as provided in this section, if a person who is
23 not an individual fails to appear or pay a fine, the court may
suspend the registration of the motor vehicle involved in the
offense or that person's right to operate that vehicle in the
State.

25 **Sec. 3. 29 MRSA 2301-A,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 575, is
27 further amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph
to read:

29 If a person, summonsed to appear in court on a Uniform
31 Traffic Ticket and Complaint for a traffic infraction, causes the
33 court to receive notice of a plea of not guilty before the day
35 that person has been summonsed to appear in court, then no
suspension may be issued for that person's failure to appear.

37 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

39 This bill amends the law which allows for suspension of a
41 driver's license for failure to appear at a court hearing arising
43 from a traffic infraction. A license may not be suspended if a
person fails to appear in person, but has advised the court that
a plea of not guilty is to be entered.