

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION - 1990

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Legislative Document

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H.P. 1770

House of Representatives, March 19, 1990

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Ed Pert*

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROLDE of York.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

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An Act to Allow the Loan of Automobiles to Municipalities for Law  
Enforcement Purposes.

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(AFTER DEADLINE)



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

29 MRSA §256, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1987, c. 415, §8, is further amended to read:

2. **Municipal vehicles.** All county, municipal, school and water district vehicles shall be registered with the Secretary of State who shall furnish semipermanent plates for each vehicle which shall expire at the end of each 10-year semipermanent plate program. The vehicles shall be exempt from this Title as to payment of registration fees, but shall not be exempt from the inspection requirements of section 2502. The plate or plates shall be of a design determined by the Secretary of State.

Municipal vehicles used by full-time law enforcement departments may be issued special police plates at the request of the chief law enforcement official of that municipality. The plates may only be attached to municipally owned vehicles.

A municipal fire department or an organized volunteer fire department may be exempt from this Title as to registration and payment of registration fees, but shall not be exempt from the inspection requirements of section 2502.

All vehicles owned or used by any municipal corporation and all vehicles loaned by automobile dealers to municipalities for law enforcement purposes, use in driver education in secondary schools and all motor vehicles loaned by automobile dealers to private secondary schools for use in driver education in the schools, vehicles loaned to state universities used in organized programs and all motor vehicles used in volunteer ambulance and rescue squad services in such municipalities shall be registered, but shall be exempt from this Title as to the registration fees, except that when the vehicles are leased or rented for commercial purposes they shall be subject to payment of fees as provided in this Title. All such vehicles shall display registration plates as required by this Title or approved by the Secretary of State.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill allows dealers to loan vehicles to municipal police departments and attach municipal registration plates to the vehicles for law enforcement purposes.