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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 16, L.D. 19, Bill, "An Act to Require Proof of Insurance in Order to Register an Automobile"

Amend the bill by striking the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Amend the Financial Responsibility Laws'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §102-A is enacted to read:

§102-A. Insurance required prior to registration.

1. Insurance required. A person may not register a vehicle unless the person satisfies the Secretary of State that the vehicle is insured.

2. Method of establishing evidence of insurance. A person establishes insurance by showing the vehicle insurance identification card, as defined by section 781, subsection 1, paragraph A-2, to either the municipal agent or the Division of Motor Vehicles, except that a person registering the vehicle for the first time may establish insurance by presenting a letter from an insurance company or agent showing that the vehicle is insured.

3. Alternative methods of establishing evidence of insurance. An individual is considered to comply with subsection 2 if the individual shows evidence of compliance with the provisions of section 787, subsection 2, paragraph A, B or C.

2 4. Exceptions. The provisions of this section do not apply
4 to:

6 A. Government vehicles as identified in section 256;

8 B. Vehicles owned or controlled by a dealer as defined by
subchapter III-A; or

10 C. Vehicles registered as vehicles for hire.

12 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §780, sub-§8, as amended by PL 1989, c. 824,
14 §4, is repealed.

16 Sec. 3. Effective Date. This Act takes effect on January 1,
18 1992.

20 FISCAL NOTE

22 The costs associated with the proposed method of
24 establishing evidence of insurance will be absorbed by the
Division of Motor Vehicles utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

26 STATEMENT OF FACT

28 This amendment replaces the bill and establishes the method
30 of satisfying the requirement of showing evidence of insurance.
It adds alternative methods for providing proof of insurance
32 consistent with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, section 787
of the financial responsibility laws. It exempts government
34 vehicles. It exempts dealer vehicles and rental vehicles as they
are already required to prove compliance with the financial
responsibility laws. The amendment also repeals the sunset on
36 the financial responsibility laws. The amendment also adds a
fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Banking and Insurance.
Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the
House.

(5/3/91)

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