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H.P. 470

House of Representatives, February 19, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SPEAR of Nobleboro.

Cosponsored by Senator HOLLOWAY of Lincoln, Representative STROUT of Corinth and Representative NUTTING of Leeds.

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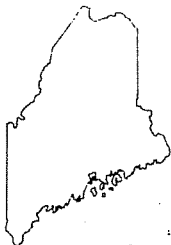
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Increase the Fees for Local Registration of Motor Vehicles.**

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

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4           29 MRSA §52-A, first ¶, as amended by PL 1987, c. 588, is further amended to read:

6           With the approval of the municipal officers of a  
8           municipality, the Secretary of State may appoint municipal tax  
10           collectors, or such other persons as a municipality may designate  
12           to collect excise taxes on vehicles, as agents to receive  
14           applications for the registration and the renewal of  
16           registrations of motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers.  
18           Municipal agents so appointed may be authorized to issue both  
20           registrations and renewals of registrations, or their authority  
22           may be limited to the issuance of renewals only. Those agents  
24           authorized to issue both registrations and renewals may issue  
26           registrations for trucks not registered for over 6,000 pounds  
28           g.v.w., automobiles, trailers, semitrailers and farm tractors,  
30           and may issue renewals for automobiles, trailers, semitrailers,  
32           trucks and farm tractors in which there is no change from the  
34           previous registration in the status of the vehicle to include the  
36           registered gross weight, axles or any other change in the status  
38           defined by the Secretary of State, provided these vehicles are  
40           not for hire. Those agents authorized to issue new registrations  
42           may also register trucks of greater gross weight after having  
44           satisfactorily participated in special training as prescribed by  
46           the Secretary of State. Agents authorized to issue renewals only  
48           may issue renewals for automobiles, trailers, semitrailers,  
50           trucks and farm tractors in which there is no change from the  
52           previous registration in the status of the vehicle to include the  
          registered gross weight, axles or any other change in status  
          defined by the Secretary of State, provided these vehicles are  
          not for hire. Agents may also issue renewals for school buses  
          operated by school administrative units or private contractors.  
          The agents may charge any applicant a fee not to exceed \$2 ~~\$3~~  
          over and above the required registration fee for each renewal  
          issued and a fee not to exceed \$2 ~~\$4~~ in the case of each new  
          registration issued, the service charges to be retained by the  
          municipality. In any municipality which that provides agents who  
          issue new registrations or renewals of registrations for  
          applicants from another municipality or from unorganized  
          territory, the agent may charge those applicants \$1 in addition  
          to the fees enumerated in this paragraph for each new  
          registration or renewal issued, the service charge to be retained  
          by the municipality.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

          This bill authorizes a municipality to increase its service  
          fee from \$2 to \$3 for motor vehicle registration renewals and  
          from \$2 to \$4 for new motor vehicle registrations. The service  
          fees are retained by the municipality issuing the registration.