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House of Representatives, February 28, 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 MACOMBER of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator TWITCHELL of Oxford, Representative STROUT of Corinth and Representative BAILEY of Farmington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Laws.



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

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4 **Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §242, sub-§1, ¶¶H and I**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 735, §§1 and 7, are amended to read:

6 H. The Secretary of State shall issue, upon application and payment of \$2 ~~\$5~~, a single cab card for each vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan.

10 I. The Secretary of State shall, upon application and payment, issue a 72-hour trip permit for \$15 ~~\$25~~ before entering this State for out-of-state vehicles eligible for apportioned registration, but not apportioned with this State. This permit allows for interstate and intrastate operations.

16 **Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §242, 2nd ¶**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 79, §§1 and 7, is repealed.

20 **Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §244, sub-§1**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 789, §8, is amended to read:

22 1. **Registration fees.** The annual fees for the registration of trailers and camp trailers shall ~~be~~ are in accordance with this subsection and shall ~~must~~ accompany the application for registration. Fees paid under this section and under section 246-A are administrative fees and nonapportionable. The Secretary of State may collect apportionable fees for trailers and semitrailers pursuant to the International Registration Plan.

30 A. The registration fee for trailers shall ~~be~~ is \$8.50 for a gross weight not to exceed 2,000 pounds. The maximum fee for all farm trailers, whether semitrailers or 4-wheeled type, equipped with pneumatic tires, shall ~~be~~ is \$8.50 for each trailer when the trailers are used and to be used by farmers for the sole purpose of transporting their own farm products, crops, fertilizers and farm tools and utensils, subject to the further conditions and limitations that:

40 (1) No such load so transported may at any time exceed 4 tons; and

42 (2) No such load may be transported a distance greater than 20 miles from the point of origin to the point of destination.

46 B. Trailers having a gross weight in excess of 2,000 pounds shall ~~must~~ be classified and rated as trucks. All boat trailers registered for a gross weight in excess of 2,000 pounds but not more than 4,000 pounds shall pay a registration fee of \$8.50.

2 C. Camp trailers having a gross weight exceeding 2,000
pounds shall be assessed a registration fee of \$16.

4 D. Mobile homes shall must be registered and be assessed a
fee of \$8.50 for that registration.

6 E. Except for camp trailers as defined in section 1,
8 trailer registrations under this section may be issued for 2
10 years for a fee twice that of the annual registration fee.

12 A violation of any of the terms and conditions of this subsection
shall automatically disqualify disqualifies the violator from the
benefits of this subsection.

14 **Sec. 4. 29 MRSA §1656, 2nd ¶,** is amended to read:

16 Any penalty for the violation of this section may be imposed
18 on either the operator or whoever causes said operation, or may
be imposed on both, except that those operators employed by
20 carriers holding permits or certificates from the Public
Utilities ~~Commission~~ Secretary of State, who have not
22 participated in loading the vehicle, shall ~~may~~ is not be subject to
penalty. The operation of the vehicle shall ~~be~~ is prima facie
24 evidence that said operation was caused by the person, firm or
corporation holding the permit or certificate for said vehicle
26 from the Public Utilities ~~Commission~~ Secretary of State.

28 **Sec. 5. 29 MRSA §2243-A, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1985, c.
735, §4, is amended to read:

30 **1. Registration year.** Fleets shall ~~must~~ be apportioned
32 under the International Registration Plan ~~for a registration year~~
~~from January 1st to December 31st~~ on a staggered basis. The
34 registrant shall elect a common registration expiration date for
all apportioned vehicles in the fleet.

36 **Sec. 6. 29 MRSA §2243-A, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 79,
38 §§4 and 7, is further amended to read:

40 **3. Registration transition.** The registration of motor
vehicles that are to be registered under the International
42 Registration Plan, issued in the 12 months prior to Maine's
entry, shall ~~must~~ be prorated on a monthly basis ~~and be rounded~~
44 ~~off to the nearest 1/4 of a dollar and issued for such a number~~
~~of months as is necessary to expire on December 31st of the year~~
46 ~~prior to Maine's entry into the International Registration Plan.~~
Prorated registrations may be issued for any number of months
48 necessary to provide for the consolidation of fleets of vehicles
under a single expiration date.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill accomplishes the following.

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The bill makes necessary changes in the law to allow the State's entry into the International Registration Plan or IRP. The IRP is a commercial registration apportionment agreement in effect among 45 states. This bill provides for a continuation of staggered registrations and a means of transition into the agreement. Minor fee adjustments are also made.

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The bill makes the State's basic trailer registration a nonapportioned administrative fee under the IRP and provides for 2-year trailer registrations at twice the annual fee.

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The bill corrects an obsolete reference to the Public Utilities Commission. The Secretary of State administers this program.

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