

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 765, L.D. 1099, Bill, "An Act to Create a Semipermanent Semitrailer Registration"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

'29 MRSA §245-B is enacted to read:

§245-B. Semipermanent semitrailer registration program

The Secretary of State is authorized to issue a semipermanent semitrailer registration and plate of a design to be determined by the Secretary of State. The issuance of the semipermanent semitrailer registration is limited to corporations applying for a minimum of 1,000 registrations in a registration year.

Semipermanent semitrailer registrations may be issued for periods of up to 20 years. The fee for each registration is \$10 per year or portion of a year. The Secretary of State shall establish a procedure to bill annually each registrant utilizing semipermanent semitrailer registrations. A registrant purchasing a registration for the full 20 years shall pay for a 3-year period at the time of purchase. The fee for registrations of less than 20 years must be prorated accordingly. If any registrant fails to remit a payment in a timely manner, the Secretary of State shall suspend all registrations issued to that registrant pursuant to this section.

Registration plates issued pursuant to this section may be displayed upon issue.

Registrations issued pursuant to this section are nontransferrable and nonrefundable, and remain active unless cancelled or reported as lost.

2 A registrant must be a resident corporation or maintain a  
3 resident agent authorized to serve as a legal representative.  
4 For the purposes of this section, a corporation organized under  
5 the laws of this State is a resident of this State and a foreign  
6 corporation is a resident of this State if it has registered to  
7 conduct business in this State pursuant to Title 13-A, chapter 12.

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10 All registration certificates issued pursuant to this  
11 section must be signed by the owner, lessee, corporate officer,  
12 resident agent or other authorized signee.

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14 The Secretary of State may authorize resident agents to  
15 receive unassigned registration plates and registration  
16 certificates on behalf of nonresident registrants. Resident  
17 agents are responsible for all registration plates and  
18 registration certificates in their possession pursuant to this  
19 section.

20 The Secretary of State is authorized to make such rules as  
21 determined necessary to implement and administer this section.  
22 The Secretary of State shall advise the Commissioner of  
23 Transportation of the fiscal impact of this section.'

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25 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
26 statement of fact the following:

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28 **FISCAL NOTE**

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30 This legislation is intended to avoid a major loss of  
31 Highway Fund revenue since many long-term trailer registrations  
32 will expire in 1992 and could be registered in other states.  
33 This bill creates a semipermanent semitrailer registration  
34 program to provide an efficient means of registration renewal  
35 with registrations issued for periods up to 20 years. Although  
36 there could be an initial loss of revenue from changing the  
37 up-front registration payment from 4 years to 3 years, the  
38 reduction is expected to be minimal and there will be no change  
39 in the amount of revenue generated over the long run.'

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42 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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44 This amendment allows the Secretary of State to bill  
45 semipermanent semitrailer registrants on an annual basis and  
46 removes the requirement that agents who accept unassigned  
47 registration plates and certificates post a performance bond.

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49 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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