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STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Create a Semipermanent Semitrailer Registration.

(EMERGENCY)



2	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
4	as emergencies; and
7	Whereas, many long-term trailer registrations will expire in
6	1992; and
8	Whereas, the failure to provide an efficient and timely means of registration renewal will cause an administrative and
10	economic hardship for registrants and for the State; and
12	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
14	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
16	safety; now, therefore,
18	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
20	29 MRSA §245-B is enacted to read:
22	§245-B. Semipermanent semitrailer registration program
24	The Secretary of State is authorized to issue a semipermanent semitrailer registration and plate of such design
26	as the Secretary of State decides. The issuance of the
28	semipermanent semitrailer registration is limited to corporations applying for a minimum of 1000 registrations in a registration
	year.
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2.2	Semipermanent semitrailer registrations may be issued for
32	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
34	establish a procedure to bill biennially each company utilizing
	semipermanent semitrailer registrations. If any registrant fails
36	to remit the biennial payment in a timely manner, the Secretary
	of State shall suspend all registrations issued to that
38	registrant pursuant to this section.
40	Registration plates issued pursuant to this section are
	valid and may be displayed upon issue for reregistration purposes
42	only.
44	Registrations issued pursuant to this section are
	nontransferrable and nonrefundable. All registrations issued
46	<pre>pursuant to this section remain active unless cancelled or reported as lost.</pre>
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	A registrant must be a resident corporation or maintain a
50	resident agent authorized to serve as a legal representative.

2	For the purposes of this section, a corporation organized
_	under the laws of this State is determined a resident of this
4	State and a foreign corporation is determined a resident of this
6	State if that foreign corporation has registered to conduct business in this State pursuant to Title 13-A, chapter 12.
U	business in this state pursuant to little 13-A, thapter 12.
8	All registration certificates issued pursuant to this
-	section must be signed by the owner, lessee, corporate officer,
10	resident agent or other authorized signee.
12	The Secretary of State may authorize resident agents to
	receive unassigned registration plates and registration
14	certificates on behalf of nonresident registrants. Resident
	agents are responsible for all registration plates and
16	registration certificates in their possession pursuant to this
	section. The Secretary of State may require any agent who
18	accepts unassigned registration plates and registration
20	certificates to post a performance bond of such amount as the
20	Secretary of State determines necessary.
22	The Secretary of State is authorized to make such rules as
	determined necessary to implement and administer this section.
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	The Secretary of State shall advise the Department of
26	Transportation relative to the fiscal impacts of this section.
28	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
	preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
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2.2	STATEMENT OF FACT
32	SIMIDIATEIATE OF PACT
34	The purpose of this bill is to permit the Secretary of State
Jī	to issue a semipermanent registration certificate for certain
36	semitrailers. Registrations are issued for periods up to 20
	years.
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	Currently, this State has a long-term trailer registration
40	program. Under that program a semitrailer may be registered for
	periods up to 12 years. That program will continue.
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	The useful life of many semitrailers has been extended to 20
44	years. It is administratively impractical for large trailer
	leasing companies to locate units in order to put on new plates
46	or swap registration certificates.