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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MACOMBER of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative BAILEY of Township 27, Senator THERIAULT of Aroostook and Representative STROUT of Corinth.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend Certain 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4 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §256, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 142, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 A. An unmarked motor vehicle used primarily for law
8 enforcement purposes is, when authorized by the Secretary of
10 State and upon approval from the appropriate requesting
12 authority, exempt from displaying a special registration
14 plate. Records for all unmarked vehicles must be designated
16 and held confidential.

18 The Secretary of State may determine that, when in the best
20 interest of Public Safety, records of nongovernment vehicles
22 may be held confidential.

24 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §530, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1989, c. 514,
26 §§7 and 25, is further amended to read:

28 3. **Need for immediate examination.** Any applicant who has
30 made application for a "Class A" or "Class B" license and
32 provides the Secretary of State with satisfactory evidence that
34 an immediate examination is needed for employment purposes shall
36 be examined as provided in this section within 7 14 days of such
38 notification.

40 Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §540, first ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 514,
42 §§11 and 25, is further amended to read:

44 Each license shall must state the name, date of birth, place
46 of residence, or mailing address if different from the residence,
48 of the licensee, permanent number assigned the licensee, and may
50 contain such other information as the Secretary of State deems
 determines necessary. The license shall must also bear a
 full-face color photograph of the licensee for the purpose of
 identification except that those persons who renew their licenses
 on or after their 65th birthday, persons in active military
 service stationed outside the State and temporary licenses issued
 under section 533 may be exempt from the photograph requirement.
 A license which that does not contain a photograph of the
 licensee may be issued as the Secretary of State deems determines
 necessary, except that the holder of a commercial driver's
 license shall may not be exempt from the color photograph
 requirement.

 Sec. 4. 29 MRSA §2241-D, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by
PL 1985, c. 481, Pt. A, §52, is amended to read:

1. **Fee.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Title,
before a mandatory suspension, ~~--a--mandatory~~ or revocation ~~ex--a~~
suspension ordered by the Secretary of State or a court ~~ef--a~~

2 ~~person's driving privilege may be~~ is terminated or reinstated,
3 ~~there shall be paid to the Secretary of State~~ a fee of \$25 which
4 ~~shall be in addition to the regular registration or license fee~~
~~must be paid to the Secretary of State.~~

6 All reinstatement fees paid for court-ordered suspensions under
7 sections 2301 and 2301-A shall must be deposited equally between
8 the Highway Fund and the General Fund.

10 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 This bill clarifies and amends various sections of the motor
14 vehicle laws. This bill:

16 1. Clarifies the law concerning motor vehicle registration
18 plates for all unmarked law enforcement vehicles;

20 2. Changes the requirement of the Secretary of State to
22 provide testing for commercial drivers from within 7 days to
24 within 14 days;

26 3. Requires that a driver's license must show a mailing
28 address; and

30 4. Clarifies the provision concerning the reinstatement fee
32 required for the termination of a suspension or revocation issued
34 by the court or the Secretary of State.