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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro. Cosponsored by Senator KANY of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Require the Issuance of Motor Vehicle Insurance Identification Cards.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

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Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the requirement of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 2412, subsection 6 that motor vehicle identification cards be issued in standard form with each motor vehicle liability insurance policy was repealed on January 1, 1992; and

Whereas, the orderly administration of the motor vehicle 12 financial responsibility law requires the issuance of standard form motor vehicle identification cards; and

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, section 102-A
16 requires that an individual establish insurance by showing the motor vehicle identification card defined in Title 24-A, section
18 2412, subsection 6; and

20 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of 22 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 24 safety; now, therefore,

- 26 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
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Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2412, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

30 7. Motor vehicle insurance identification cards. Pursuant to this section, the superintendent, with the advice of the Secretary of State, shall prescribe a uniform motor vehicle 32 insurance identification card form. The superintendent shall 34 require all insurance companies transacting business within this State to provide with each motor vehicle liability insurance policy an insurance identification card for each vehicle, 36 describing the vehicle covered. When an insured has 5 or more motor vehicles registered in this State, the insurer may use the 38 designation "all owned vehicles" on each card in lieu of a 40 specific description.

42 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill requires that the insurance company issue a motor vehicle insurance identification card in a standard form when all

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insurance policies are issued. This card is required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, section 102-A to register a car. It is also needed for administration of the financial responsibility laws. The requirement that the card be issued is similar to the requirement that automatically repealed itself on January 1, 1992.

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