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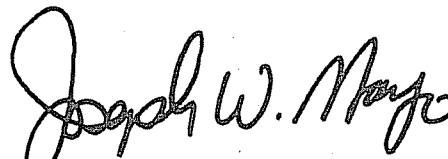
H.P. 290

House of Representatives, February 9, 1993

**An Act Concerning the Transfer of Motor Vehicle Registration Plates.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TRACY of Rome.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: HUSSEY of Milo, STROUT of Corinth.

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

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4       Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §113, as amended by PL 1983, c. 455, §9, is further amended to read:

6       **§113. Disposition of registration plates**

8       All registration number plates, issued by the Secretary of State, ~~shall~~ continue to be the property of the State. Whenever  
10       ~~Except as provided in section 113-A, whenever~~ the owner of a registered vehicle transfers or assigns his the owner's title, or  
12       interest thereto, the registration ~~shall---expire,~~ expires; whenever the registration certificate is suspended, revoked,  
14       canceled or has expired without the intention of renewal or transfer within 6 months, the owner shall remove the registration  
16       plates ~~therefrom~~ from the vehicle and forward the same plates along with the registration certificate to the Secretary of State  
18       or may have those plates and the registration number ~~thereon~~ on those plates assigned in the name of the original registrant to  
20       another vehicle upon payment of the fees required by law and subject to the rules of the Secretary of State. Whoever steals,  
22       takes or carries away any registration number plate from any person entitled to its possession ~~is-guilty-of~~ commits a Class E  
24       crime.

26       Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §113-A is enacted to read:

28       **§113-A. Transfer of registration number plates to family members**

30       Notwithstanding section 113, a registration number plate may be transferred to a family member upon the death of the owner of  
32       a registered vehicle or when the owner of a registered vehicle transfers or assigns the owner's title, or interest thereto, and  
34       does not register another vehicle. For the purposes of this section, "family member" means the child, stepchild, parent,  
36       stepparent, grandchild, stepgrandchild, grandparent, stepgrandparent or sibling of the owner of a registered vehicle.  
38       The family member wishing to receive the registration number plate shall submit an application to the Secretary of State. In  
40       the case of a deceased registered vehicle owner, the applicant shall provide a certificate of death verifying the death of the  
42       registered vehicle owner. In the case of an owner who transfers or assigns the owner's title, or interest thereto, and does not  
44       register another vehicle, the application must include the signature of the consenting owner for transfer of the  
46       registration number plate to the applicant. The Secretary of State shall develop application forms, fees and rules necessary  
48       to carry out the purposes of this section.

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

4           This bill allows the transfer of registration number plates  
6 to a family member of a vehicle owner upon the death of the  
8 vehicle owner or upon the owner's transfer or assignment of title  
or interest in the title, providing the owner does not register  
another vehicle.