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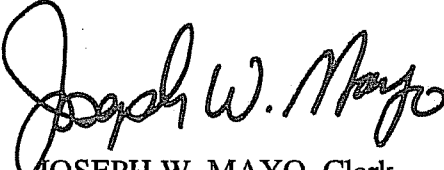
No. 552

H.P. 433

House of Representatives, February 18, 1993

**An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Inspection and Registration
of Automobiles.**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative VIGUE of Winslow.
Cosponsored by Representative TARDY of Palmyra, Senator LUTHER of Oxford and
Representatives: ALIBERTI of Lewiston, AULT of Wayne, COFFMAN of Old Town,
DiPIETRO of South Portland, DUTREMBLE of Biddeford, FARNUM of South Berwick,
HATCH of Skowhegan, HEINO of Boothbay, HICHBORN of Howland, JALBERT of Lisbon,
JOSEPH of Waterville, KUTASI of Bridgton, MURPHY of Berwick, REED of Dexter, SPEAR
of Nobleboro, Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

2 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §106, as amended by PL 1991, c. 44, §§1 to 4,
4 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 **§106. Expiration date**

8 The following provisions apply to registration periods.

10 1. Initial registration to a new owner for an automobile, a
12 motor truck, truck tractor, motor home, motorcycle, moped,
14 motor-driven cycle or camp trailer. The expiration date for an
16 initial registration of an automobile, a motor truck, truck
18 tractor, motor home, motorcycle, moped, motor-driven cycle or
20 camp trailer is determined as follows.

22 A. When an application for an initial registration is
24 received more than 3 calendar months prior to the owner's
26 birth month, the Secretary of State shall issue a
28 registration that expires on the last day of the owner's
30 birth month and prorate the registration fee accordingly.

32 B. When an application for an initial registration is
34 received 3 calendar months or less prior to the owner's
36 birth month, the Secretary of State shall issue a
38 registration that expires on the last day of the owner's
40 birth month a year after the owner's next birthday and
42 prorate the registration fee accordingly.

44 C. When the vehicle is registered in the name of more than
46 one person, the birthday of the person whose name appears
48 first on the registration application is used to determine
the registration period.

D. A firm or corporation applying to register an
automobile, a motor truck, truck tractor, motor home,
motorcycle, moped, motor-driven cycle or camp trailer as the
owner of that vehicle may designate a month for registration
purposes. The Secretary of State shall register the vehicle
in accordance with paragraph A or B, using the designated
month as the registration month for the firm or corporation.

2. Reregistration for an automobile, a motor truck, truck
tractor, motor home, motorcycle, moped, motor-driven cycle or
camp trailer. A reregistration expires annually on the last day
of the owner's birth month or, if the owner is a firm or
corporation, on the last day of the month designated by that
owner on the initial registration application.

2 3. Other motor vehicles. A motor vehicle not subject to
4 subsection 1 has a registration period from March 1st to the last
day of February of the next calendar year.

6 4. Number plates. A number plate or a suitable device in
8 lieu of a number plate furnished for the next registration period
for automobiles, motor trucks, truck tractors, motorcycles,
10 mopeds, motor driven cycles, motor homes or camp trailers may be
displayed on the first day of the month in which the current
registration expires.

12 5. Transition period. An unexpired automobile registration
14 held on January 1, 1994 is valid until the expiration date on the
certificate of registration. During the period January 1, 1994
16 to December 31, 1994, the Secretary of State shall determine the
expiration date for a reregistration and reregistration fee in
18 accordance with the provisions for new registrations in
subsection 1.

20 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §2502, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL
22 1989, c. 754, Pt. C, §5, is amended to read:

24 Except as provided in this chapter or section 2017, all
26 motor vehicles required to be registered in this State are
subject to an annual inspection as provided in this chapter. The
28 owner of any motor vehicle subject to inspection may have the
vehicle inspected at ~~any time~~ and on a more frequent basis than
annually. A certificate of inspection is issued one time each
30 year and expires as provided in subsection 3-A.

32 Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §2502, sub-§§3-A and 3-B are enacted to read:

34 3-A. Expiration of certificate. A certificate of
36 inspection issued for a motor vehicle registered pursuant to
section 102 expires at the end of the month in which the
38 registration expires. If the registration expires at the end of
the month of issuance, the certificate of inspection expires at
the end of the month one year from the month of issuance, except
40 as provided in sections 2017 and 2507-A.

42 A certificate of inspection for a motor vehicle issued a limited
or temporary registration pursuant to section 242 or exempt from
44 registration pursuant to section 255 expires at the end of the
month one year from the month of issuance.

46 3-B. Transition period. Certificates of inspection and
48 inspection stickers issued in accordance with section 2505 and
unexpired on January 1, 1994 are valid until the vehicle is
50 reregistered in accordance with section 106. In 1994, within 30
days of reregistration of a motor vehicle, the owner must have

2 the vehicle inspected. Upon passing inspection, the inspector
4 shall issue a certificate of inspection or inspection sticker
6 that expires at the end of the month in which the registration
8 expires.

6 Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act takes effect on January 1,
8 1994.

10 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 This bill provides for motor vehicle registrations to expire
14 on the last day of the owner's birth month. Firms or
16 corporations may designate a month to be used as a "birth month"
18 for registration purposes. It also provides for certificates of
inspection to expire on the last day of the month in which the
registration expires.