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No. 1134

S.P. 378

In Senate, April 1, 1993

An Act to Facilitate the Procurement of License Plates for County-owned Vehicles.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HALL of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Senator: VOSE of Washington, Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft,
DRISCOLL of Calais, MORRISON of Bangor, PARADIS of Augusta, ROTONDI of Athens,
TARDY of Palmyra.

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** is enacted to read:

6 **1-A. County vehicles.** All county-owned vehicles must be
8 registered with the Secretary of State and must meet the
10 inspection requirement of section 2502 but are exempt from this
12 Title as to registration fees. A plate for a county-owned law
14 enforcement vehicle must be either a 10-year semipermanent plate
16 designed with a brown background and white lettering and
18 containing lettering or insignias designating the plate as a
20 sheriff's plate and the county for which the vehicle is owned, or
22 the standard plate issued by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles
24 pursuant to section 131. Plates for any county-owned vehicle not
26 used in law enforcement must be of a design determined by the
Secretary of State but may not be similar to the county-owned law
enforcement plates. At the discretion of the sheriff, the record
of the registration of any county-owned vehicle displaying a
standard registration plate issued by the Bureau of Motor
Vehicles may be designated and held confidential. All
registrations for county-owned vehicles displaying semipermanent
or confidential plates must be obtained at the main office of the
Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The registration of any county-owned
vehicle for all other standard plates issued by the Bureau of
Motor Vehicles may be obtained from any office of the Bureau of
Motor Vehicles.

28 **Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §256, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1989, c. 855,
30 is further amended to read:

32 **2. Municipal vehicles.** All county, municipal, school and
34 water district vehicles shall must be registered with the
36 Secretary of State who shall furnish semipermanent plates for
38 each vehicle which shall ~~that~~ expire at the end of each 10-year
40 semipermanent plate program. The vehicles shall ~~be~~ are exempt
42 from this Title as to ~~payment of~~ registration fees, but shall ~~are~~
not be exempt from the inspection requirements of section 2502.
The plate or plates shall ~~must~~ be of a design determined by the
Secretary of State. At the discretion of the sheriff, the record
of the registration of any vehicle under this subsection
displaying a standard registration plate issued by the Bureau of
Motor Vehicles may be designated and held confidential.

44 Municipal vehicles used by full-time law enforcement departments
46 may be issued special police plates at the request of the chief
48 law enforcement official of that municipality. The plates may
only be attached to municipally owned vehicles.

50 A municipal fire department or an organized volunteer fire
department ~~may be~~ is exempt from this Title as to registration

2 and payment of registration fees, but shall is not be exempt from
the inspection requirements of section 2502.

4 All vehicles owned or used by any municipal corporation and all
6 vehicles loaned by automobile dealers to municipalities for law
enforcement agencies to use for educational purposes, or for use
8 in driver education in secondary schools and all motor vehicles
loaned by automobile dealers to private secondary schools for use
10 in driver education in the schools, vehicles loaned to state
universities used in organized programs and all motor vehicles
12 used in volunteer ambulance and rescue squad services in such
municipalities shall must be registered, but ~~shall-be~~ are exempt
14 from this Title as to the registration fees, except that when the
vehicles are leased or rented for commercial purposes they shall
be are subject to ~~payment-of~~ fees as provided in this Title. All
16 such vehicles ~~shall~~ must display registration plates as required
by this Title or approved by the Secretary of State.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill permits procurement of motor vehicle registration
plates at places other than the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' office
24 in Augusta and establishes standards for county vehicles.

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