

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 428

House of Representatives, February 17, 1995

**An Act to Give Motor Vehicle Drivers and Owners the Option of  
Keeping Motor Vehicle Information Confidential.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DORE of Auburn.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, DAVIDSON of Brunswick,  
HEESCHEN of Wilton, JOSEPH of Waterville, LaFOUNTAIN of Biddeford, SAXL of  
Bangor, STEVENS of Orono, TREAT of Gardiner, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senator:  
HARRIMAN of Cumberland.

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

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**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §251, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

4. Restriction on sale of records. Except as provided in section 252, the Secretary of State may not sell the name, address or other information on a certificate of registration unless the registered owner has authorized sale of the information in accordance with section 401, subsection 2. Except as provided in section 252, the Secretary of State may not sell the name, address or other information on a driver's license unless the registered owner has authorized sale of the information in accordance with section 1301, subsection 6; or section 1406, subsection 4.

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §252, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**1. Reports furnished to commercial users; fee.** The Secretary of State shall furnish reports of records pertaining to convictions, adjudications, accidents, suspensions, revocations and other information to individuals an insurance company, an employer of the person on whom records are sought or an individual demonstrating a valid reason for needing this information for a fee of \$4 each. Certified copies are an additional \$1.

**Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §401, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**2. Content of application.** An application must contain information requested by the Secretary of State, including name, residence and address of the registrant, current mileage of the vehicle, a brief description of the vehicle, the maker, the vehicle identification number, the amount of motive power stated in horsepower, the type of motor fuel and the actual gross weight of the vehicle if intended for commercial use. The application must be signed by the registered owner or legal representative.

The application must contain a statement in substantially the following form: "The Secretary of State may sell my name, address and other information in this document to any person including direct mail companies." The application must contain a check-off box or signature line to indicate endorsement of this statement.

**Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §1301, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Sale of information.** An application for a license must contain a statement in substantially the following form: "The Secretary of State may sell my name, address and other information in this document to any person including direct mail

2 companies." The application must contain a check-off box or  
3 signature line to indicate endorsement of this statement.

4 **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §1406, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.  
5 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

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7 **4. Renewals.** Prior to the expiration of the license, the  
8 Secretary of State shall send the holder a renewal application.  
9 The renewal application must contain a statement in substantially  
10 the following form: "The Secretary of State may sell my name,  
11 address and other information in this document to any person  
12 including direct mail companies." The application must contain a  
13 check-off box or signature line to indicate endorsement of this  
14 statement.

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### 17 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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19 This bill restricts the unauthorized sale of information  
20 contained on motor vehicle registrations and drivers' licenses.