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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 679, L.D. 930, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §351, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

3. Temporary permit to tow unregistered vehicle. A law enforcement officer, or an employee of the bureau designated by the Secretary of State or a certified reserve officer while on duty, when necessary and not detrimental to public safety, may issue a permit in writing to allow:

A. An unregistered motor vehicle to be towed either by a regular service wrecker or by the use of a towbar; or

B. The operation of an unregistered motor vehicle only to the owner's residence or to an office of the bureau for the sole purpose of renewing the registration by the same owner; or

C. An unregistered trailer or semitrailer with a gross weight of 3,000 pounds or less to be towed, for one trip only, between the points of origin and destination.

A permit may be issued under paragraphs A and B only when the previous registration on the vehicle has expired within 30 days. A permit issued under this subsection is valid for no more than 3 days, including the date of issuance.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §351, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

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2 3-A. Permit to operate unregistered vehicle. Upon stopping
3 a vehicle with a registration that has been expired for more than
4 30 days, a law enforcement officer may issue a permit to the
5 owner or operator of the vehicle to operate the vehicle to the
6 owner's residence or to an office of the bureau for the sole
7 purpose of renewal of the registration by the owner.

8 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2052, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

10 7. Backing. An operator may not drive a vehicle in reverse
11 or back a vehicle on a limited-access way or on an entrance or
12 exit of a limited-access way.'

14 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
15 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
16 consecutively.

18 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
19 statement of fact the following:

22 **'FISCAL NOTE**

24 This bill establishes a new traffic infraction. The
25 additional workload and administrative costs associated with the
26 minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be
27 absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
28 Department. The collection of additional fines may increase
29 General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

31 The additional enforcement costs associated with this new
32 traffic infraction can be absorbed by the Bureau of State Police
33 within the Department of Public Safety utilizing existing
34 budgeted resources.'

36 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

38 This amendment allows a law enforcement officer to issue a
40 permit to operate a vehicle when the registration has been
41 expired for more than 30 days. The permit is valid for operating
42 the vehicle to the owner's residence or to an office of the
43 Bureau of Motor Vehicles to register the vehicle. This amendment
44 also prohibits backing a motor vehicle on a limited access
highway.