

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 778

House of Representatives, March 30, 1995

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### An Act to Ensure Confidentiality of Motor Vehicle Records.

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HARTNETT of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, DAVIDSON of Brunswick,  
MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, NASS of Acton, PLOWMAN of Hampden.

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1982 is enacted to read:

**§1982. Access to turnpike records**

Records of the Maine Turnpike Authority pertaining to violation of the authority's rules must be kept confidential except that law enforcement officers and representatives of insurance companies making requests for specific records in the course of conducting their business may have access to those records.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §251, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**2. Access to records limited.** Records of the Secretary of State pertaining to the applications, registrations and certifications of vehicles and to driver's licenses must be ~~open to public inspection during office hours~~ kept confidential except that law enforcement officers and representatives of insurance companies making requests for specific records in the course of conducting their business may have access to those records.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

Currently motor vehicle and drivers' license records are open to public inspection. This bill makes these records confidential, allowing access only to law enforcement officers and to representatives of insurance companies when needed to conduct their business. The bill also makes records of the Maine Turnpike Authority confidential allowing access only to law enforcement officers and to representatives of insurance companies when needed to conduct their business.