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**An Act to Allow for the Issuance of Motor Vehicle Titles at Branch
Offices of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.**

Received by the Clerk of the House on April 14, 1995. Referred to the Committee on Transportation and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LOOK of Jonesboro. (By Request)
Cosponsored by Representatives: BIGL of Bucksport, CAMERON of Rumford, CHICK of Lebanon, FARNUM of South Berwick, FISHER of Brewer, JONES of Pittsfield, JOY of Crystal, KEANE of Old Town, LANE of Enfield, MARSHALL of Eliot, MAYO of Bath, MURPHY of Berwick, PINKHAM of Lamoine, POIRIER of Saco, STEDMAN of Hartland, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, Senators: PINGREE of Knox, RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §151, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683,
Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

6 **2. Maintain offices.** Maintain 13 full-time offices at
8 convenient places to carry out duties related to applications for
registration of, certificates of title and licenses for the
operation of motor vehicles; and

10 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §654, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

12 **5. Submission of application.** An application for a
14 certificate of title may be made to any of the 13 full-time
offices required by section 151, subsection 2.

16 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §657, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683,
18 Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

20 **1. Original certificate; immediate issue.** When satisfied
of an application's genuineness and regularity and that the
22 applicant is entitled to a certificate, the Secretary of State
shall issue an original certificate of title or certificate of
24 salvage.

26 Unless the Secretary of State believes that a problem exists with
the application or that the applicant is not entitled to a
28 certificate, the Secretary of State, including the full-time
offices required by section 151, subsection 2, shall immediately
30 issue an original certificate of title.

32 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §657, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683,
Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

34 **7. Mailing of certificate.** The If a certificate of title
36 can not be issued immediately, as required by subsection 1, then
the Secretary of State shall mail a certificate of title or
38 certificate of salvage to the owner named on the certificate.
The Secretary of State shall also mail a certificate of lien to
40 the first lienholder named on the certificate. The certificate
of lien must contain the same information required to be on the
42 certificate of title by section 658, subsection 1, and a place
for the release of each lien.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

48 This bill allows an application for a certificate of title
50 to be submitted to the branch offices of the Bureau of Motor

2 Vehicles. Unless the Secretary of State believes that a problem
exists with the application or the applicant, the certificate
4 must be issued immediately by the office receiving the
application.