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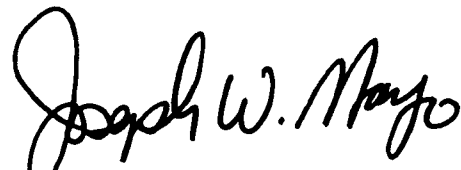
No. 1676

H.P. 1223

House of Representatives, January 9, 1996

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Registration
Improvement Committee.**

Submitted by the Department of the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative O'GARA of Westbrook.

2 **2. Content of application.** An application for registration
must contain the information required by the Secretary of State.
4 An application must include the registrant's legal name, address
and legal residence, the vehicle make and vehicle identification
6 number. Current mileage and fuel type are required for motor
vehicles. Gross weight is required for trucks, truck-tractors
8 and special mobile equipment.

10 **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §401, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

12 **6. Remote transactions.** The Secretary of State may accept
applications for registration renewal by computer transmission or
14 other facsimile means as the Secretary of State determines to be
appropriate. The Secretary of State may charge a fee per
16 transaction to defray the costs associated with providing remote
transactions.

18 The Secretary of State may enact rules to implement a remote
20 registration transaction program.

22 **Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §402, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683,
Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

24 **2. Method of establishing evidence of insurance.** A person
26 establishes insurance by showing the vehicle insurance
identification card as defined by section 1551, subsection 4, a
28 letter from an insurance company or agent showing that the
vehicle is covered by a liability insurance policy, an insurance
30 binder or an insurance policy that has a summary document that
describes the vehicle insured, the name of the insured, the
32 amount of insurance, the type of insurance coverage and the
period for which the vehicle is covered to either the municipal
34 agent or the bureau. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
the Secretary of State, with the advice of the Superintendent of
36 Insurance, may develop an alternate means of motor vehicle
liability insurance verification.

38 **Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §526** is enacted to read:

40 **§526. Multiyear fleet registration**

42 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of
44 State may authorize registrants with 100 or more motor vehicle
registrations to participate in a multiyear fleet registration
46 program.

2 Motor vehicles registered pursuant to a multiyear fleet
3 registration program may be issued registration credentials for a
4 period not to exceed 5 years. The Secretary of State shall
5 establish a method for the annual verification and collection of
6 appropriate registration fees and excise taxes.

7 The Secretary of State may adopt rules for the
8 implementation of a multiyear fleet registration program.

10 **Sec. 8. 36 MRSA §1482, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1993, c.
11 297, Pt. B, §6 and affected by §7, is further amended to read:

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13 C. For the privilege of operating a motor vehicle or camper
14 trailer on the public ways, each motor vehicle, other than a
15 stock race car, or each camper trailer to be so operated is
16 subject to excise tax as follows: a sum equal to 24 mills
17 on each dollar of the maker's list price for the first or
18 current year of model, 17 1/2 mills for the 2nd year, 13 1/2
19 mills for the 3rd year, 10 mills for the 4th year, 6 1/2
20 mills for the 5th year and 4 mills for the 6th and
21 succeeding years. The minimum tax is \$5 for a motor vehicle
22 other than a bicycle with motor attached, \$2.50 for a
23 bicycle with motor attached, \$15 for a camper trailer other
24 than a tent trailer and \$5 for a tent trailer. The excise
25 tax on a stock race car is \$5.

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27 (1) On new registrations of automobiles, trucks and
28 truck tractors, the excise tax payment must be made
29 prior to registration and is for a one-year period from
30 the date of registration.

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32 (2) Vehicles registered under the International
33 Registration Plan are subject to an excise tax
34 determined on a monthly proration basis if their
35 registration period is less than 12 months.

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37 For motor vehicles being registered in the International
38 Registration Plan, the excise tax must be prorated for the
39 number of months in the registration. If the registration
40 period is for more than 12 months, for the number of months
41 in excess of 12 the next mill rate is used.

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43 For vehicles being registered pursuant to Title 29-A,
44 section 405, subsection 1, paragraph C, the excise tax must
45 be prorated for the number of months in the vehicles
46 registration.

47 The State Tax Assessor, with the advice and consent of the
48 Secretary of State, shall certify software for the
49 electronic calculation of motor vehicle excise tax pursuant
50 to Title 29-A, section 204, subsection 5.

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2 It provides for optional multiyear fleet registrations for
registrants with 100 or more registrations, with annual billing
4 for registration fees and excise tax.

6 It provides that, for a vehicle added to a fleet with a
common expiration date, the excise tax is prorated for the actual
8 number of months in the registration. Currently, registrants pay
for 12 months of excise tax.

10 It permits the Secretary of State to collect excise tax on
12 behalf of municipalities and to transmit the tax to the
appropriate towns.