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An Act to Implement Electronic Monitoring for Compliance with the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Laws by 1999 and Make Other Changes in Those Laws.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

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Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1601, sub-§§4 and 7, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

- A person served with a Violations Summons 6 4. Dismissal. and Complaint charging a violation of this section may have the complaint dismissed if that person shows satisfactory evidence of 8 liability insurance or financial responsibility that was in effect at the time of the alleged violation. The clerk of the 10 District Court Violations Bureau must dismiss the complaint if, prior to the date required for filing an answer to the complaint, 12 the person charged files a copy of the Violation Summons and 14Complaint with the bureau, together with satisfactory evidence of liability insurance or financial responsibility that was in 16 effect at the time of the alleged violation. If a person files a timely answer of not contested to a Violations Summons and 18 Complaint alleging a violation of this section and that person presents to the court at the time of trial satisfactory evidence of liability insurance or financial responsibility that was in 20 effect at the time of the alleged violation, the court must 22 dismiss the complaint. By January 1, 1999, the bureau shall implement a system for the electronic filing of satisfactory 24 evidence of liability insurance or financial responsibility under this subsection.
- 7. Multiple convictions. A person who is convicted of 2
 28 one or more violations of this section within a 3-year period is subject to the proof of financial responsibility requirements
 30 provided in section 1605.
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Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2486, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

 Reinstatement fee. Before a suspension is terminated
 and a license or certificate reinstated, a fee of \$25 \$35, in addition to the regular license fee, must be paid to the
 Secretary of State.

40 Sec. 3. Effective date. Section 2 of this Act takes effect October 1, 1997.

44 SUMMARY

46 This bill does the following.

I. It requires the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to implement an electronic filing system for giving proof of liability insurance
or financial responsibility, as required by the motor vehicle financial responsibility laws, by January 1, 1999.

It requires that a person convicted of one or more 2. 2 violations of the requirement to maintain motor vehicle financial responsibility within a 3-year period must provide proof of financial responsibility. Current law imposes this requirement after conviction of 2 or more violations of the requirement to maintain motor vehicle financial responsibility.

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3. It raises the fee for reinstatement of a suspended driver's license or other permit or privilege to operate a motor vehicle from \$25 to \$35 and makes this increase effective October 1, 1997.