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House of Representatives, March 4, 1997

An Act to Require a Vehicle to be Registered in the Town in Which the Owner Resides.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TRUE of Fryeburg.

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

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Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §351, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Valid registration from another state. A registration from another state that lists only a post office box instead of a street address does not constitute a valid registration under subsection 1.

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Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §514, first ¶, as amended by PL 1995, c. 454, $\S3$, is further amended to read:

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A person required to register a vehicle in this State who instead registers the vehicle in another state or province or who fails to register a vehicle in this State within 30 days of establishing residency is guilty of evasion of registration fees and excise taxes. A vehicle that is principally garaged in this State must be registered in this State. Violation of this section is a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000.

SUMMARY

This bill renders a registration from another state that lists only a post office box as an address invalid for the purpose of fulfilling the registration requirement in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 351. It also amends Title 29-A, section 514 concerning evasion of registration fees and excise taxes to require that a vehicle that is principally garaged in this State be registered in this State.