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An Act to Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws.

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DRISCOLL of Calais.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§59-A** is enacted to read:

6 59-A. Reconstructed motorcycle. "Reconstructed motorcycle"
means a motorcycle that is assembled by a person other than a
8 manufacturer.

10 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §152, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683,
Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

12 **5. Assign new identification number.** Assign a new
14 identification number to a vehicle if it has none, or if the
vehicle's identification number is destroyed or obliterated, or
16 if the frame, chassis or, if the vehicle is a truck, the cab is
changed, or if the vehicle is a reconstructed motorcycle, and
18 shall issue a new certificate of title showing the new
identification number upon surrender of the old certificate and
20 completion of an application for title and payment of the fee; and

22 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §201, sub-§2, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

24 C. If authorized to issue registrations and renewals of
registrations, issue:

26 (1) Registrations for pickup trucks registered for
28 ~~6,000~~ 9,000 pounds or less gross vehicular weight,
automobiles, trailers, semitrailers and farm tractors;
30 and

32 (2) Registrations for trucks of greater gross weight
than provided in subparagraph (1), after the agent has
34 satisfactorily participated in special training as
prescribed by the Secretary of State.

36 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §451, sub-§1-B** is enacted to read:

38 1-B. New dealer plate issue. The Secretary of State shall
40 provide for a new issue of dealer plates and shall begin issuing
the new dealer plates no later than December 31, 2000 to all
42 dealers licensed pursuant to chapter 9, subchapter III.

44 **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §451, sub-§4, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

46 C. On registration plates issued for private use and
48 trucks, the word "Vacationland" must be centered at the
bottom ~~in letters not less than 3/4-inch in height~~, except,
50 when the Secretary of State determines that for other than

2 passenger vehicles, that space may be used for class
3 identifiers.

4 **Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §453, sub-§1**, as corrected by RR 1997, c. 1,
5 §26, is amended to read:

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7 **1. Vanity registration plates.** The Secretary of State may
8 issue registration plates that contain letters or a combination
9 of letters and numbers for automobiles, taxi cabs, limousines,
10 pickup trucks, trucks that are registered up to 9,000 pounds
11 gross vehicle weight, motorcycles, motor homes, or semitrailers
12 that do not exceed 2,000 pounds and camp trailers. The number of
13 characters appearing on a plate issued under this section may not
14 exceed 7.

15 **Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §453, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683,
16 Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

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18 **3. Duplicate plates.** ~~The Secretary of State may not issue~~
19 ~~duplicate vanity registration plates for trailers, until the~~
20 ~~registrant has already been issued an identical vanity~~
21 ~~registration plate for an automobile. The Secretary of State may~~
22 ~~not issue duplicate vanity registration plates for taxicabs or~~
23 ~~limousines that are issued to automobiles.~~ The Secretary of
24 State may not issue duplicate vanity plates in the same class of
25 vehicles.
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27 **Sec. 8. 29-A MRSA §461**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 645, Pt. C,
28 §6, is further amended to read:

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30 **§461. Reservation of same number**

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32 **1. Plate issue year.** In a year in which new registration
33 plates are issued, the Secretary of State shall reserve until
34 July 1st the same registration number for the succeeding
35 registration year for a person who notifies in writing the
36 Secretary of State prior to May 1st of that person's desire to
37 retain that registration number. The fee for retention of the
38 same registration number is \$15.

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40 If a person does not have a vehicle to register on May 1st, a
41 registration number may be held for a maximum of 2 registration
42 years by depositing with the Secretary of State \$15 for each
43 year; except that the registered owner of an antique vehicle may
44 reserve the antique registration assigned to that person for 4
45 years by depositing the sum of \$15 for each registration year.
46 These fees are not refundable and may not be applied against the
47 registration fee.
48

49 All numbers other than those reserved must be released and issued
50 in rotation after July 1st.

2 A person wishing to select a number out of rotation may do so by
4 paying the registration fee and a reserved number fee of \$5 \$15.

6 A holder of vanity registration plates must pay the sum of \$15 to
8 reserve those letters or combination of letters and numbers,
which is credited toward the renewal fee.

10 **2. Nonplate issue year.** In other than a plate issue year,
12 when a person fails to reregister and the registration remains
expired for 6 consecutive months, the reservation of the same
number ceases and the number becomes available for reissuance.

14 For a maximum of 2 registration years, a person may reserve the
16 registration number assigned to that person by depositing with
the Secretary of State the sum of \$15 for each year; except that
18 the registered owner of an antique motor vehicle may reserve the
antique registration assigned to that person for 4 years by
20 depositing with the Secretary of State the sum of \$15 for each
year. A person wishing to select a number out of rotation may do
22 so by paying the registration fee and a reserved number fee of \$5
\$15.

24 **Sec. 9. 29-A MRSA §468** is enacted to read:

26 **§468. Specialty plate**

28 The Secretary of State may not issue specialty plates except
30 under the following conditions.

32 1. Approval. Legislative approval.

34 2. Fee. A minimum fee of \$10 per set of specialty plates
must be added to the cost of the original registration fee to
offset the cost for manufacturing and production.

36 3. Offset costs. An amount must be collected to offset the
38 cost of the first 500 pairs of specialty plates.

40 4. Design. The preliminary design must be submitted for
approval to the Secretary of State.

42 5. Design approved. All designs submitted under this
44 section must be approved by the joint standing committee of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters.

46 6. Effective date. This section takes effect July 1, 1999.

48 This section does not apply to existing specialty plates
50 previously approved.

2 **Sec. 10. 29-A MRSA §512, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1997, c.
437, §§10 and 11, is further amended to read:

4
6 **1. Eight-year and 12-year semipermanent registration plate**
7 **program for trailers and semitrailers.** Any person may apply on a
8 form supplied by the Secretary of State for a semipermanent
9 registration plate. The Secretary of State may establish a
10 25-year semipermanent semitrailer registration program in
11 accordance with subsection 3.

12 B. The fee is \$10 for each semitrailer, and the fee is \$5
13 for each trailer of not more than 2,000 pounds gross vehicle
14 weight.

16 Fees for the first 3 years of a registration may not be
17 refunded. Fees for the 4th and subsequent years may be
18 refunded prior to the start of the registration year
19 provided that the registration plate and certificate are
20 returned to the Secretary of State. After the start of the
21 registration year, fees for the current year may be refunded
22 if the ~~plaae plate~~ and ~~certificates~~ certificate are returned
23 within 120 days and the Secretary of State is satisfied that
24 the credentials were not used during the registration period.

26 C. With the agreement of the Commissioner of
27 Transportation, the Secretary of State may adopt rules for
28 the payment of the fees in annual or biennial installments.
29 In adopting those rules, the Secretary of State shall
30 consider the financial effect of the registration fee on the
31 registrants, the benefit or burden of installment payment on
32 state revenues and the difficulty of administering this
33 subsection.

34 D. Notwithstanding section 401, an application for
35 registration must be signed by the owner or lessee applying
36 for registration, the person authorized by the applicant or
37 the applicant's designated agent.

38 E. On approval of an application, the Secretary of State
39 shall:

40 (1) Record the registration of the semitrailer or
41 trailer described in the application and assign a
42 distinguishing number or other mark;

43 (2) Issue a certificate of registration that contains
44 the name and address of the owner or lessee or the
45 address of its designated agent; and
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2 (3) Furnish one semipermanent registration plate for
4 each trailer or semitrailer.

6 F. Semipermanent registration plates expire at the end of
8 the semipermanent plate program or, in the case of a new
10 semitrailer or new trailer, at the end of the 12th
12 registration year following the year of issuance. The
14 registration plates issued for the next program may be
16 displayed on and after December 1st of the preceding
calendar year. A registration plate issued after the
commencement of the plate program may be displayed either
beginning on the date of purchase or on the February 1st
following issuance, depending upon the number of paid
registration years.

18 **Sec. 11. 29-A MRSA §512-A is enacted to read:**

20 **§512-A. Permanent registration**

22 A person registering 30,000 or more semitrailers may be
issued 25-year permanent registrations.

24 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this section,
"permanent registration" means a long-term trailer registration
26 certificate and plate with an expiration date of December 31st,
25 years from the year of issue.

28 2. Fee. The fee for each permanent registration is \$80.
30 The fee is nonrefundable.

32 3. Transfer fee. The registrant may transfer an unexpired
permanent registration to a semitrailer not previously registered
34 to the registrant in this State. The transfer fee is \$20.

36 The Secretary of State may adopt rules to implement this
section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine
38 technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
II-A.

40 **Sec. 12. 29-A MRSA §521, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 1995, c.
42 482, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:**

44 **9. Compliance.** Any person or organization issued a placard
46 or plates pursuant to former Title 29, section 252 or 252-C must
reapply, according to the procedures set forth in this section,
48 by January 1, 1999 2001. In the case of individuals or
organizations currently in possession of disability plates or a
placard who successfully reapply, the placard or plates expire on
50 the date specified by the placard or plates.

2 **Sec. 13. 29-A MRSA §521, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 1995, c.
482, Pt. A, §4, is repealed.

4 **Sec. 14. 29-A MRSA §525, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

8 **10. Suspension.** On certification by the State Tax Assessor
10 to the Secretary of State that a person is in violation of Title
36, chapter 457, 459 or 463-A, the Secretary of State shall
12 suspend all fuel use identification decals issued to that
person. The Secretary of State shall promptly notify the
14 Department of Public Safety of a suspension, revocation or
reinstatement.

16 Until the State Tax Assessor certifies to the Secretary of State
18 that a person is in compliance, a person who has had decals
revoked may not operate a vehicle requiring a decal. To have the
20 right to operate reinstated, a person must pay a fee of ~~\$25~~ **\$30**
to the Secretary of State.

22 **Sec. 15. 29-A MRSA §556, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 437,
§14, is further amended to read:

24 A motor vehicle is exempt from this subchapter, except
26 sections 555, 555-A, 558 and, 560, and 562 and chapter 13,
subchapter II, section 1611 as follows:

28 **Sec. 16. 29-A MRSA §603, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 25,
30 Pt. Q, §1 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

32 **1. Fee of \$15.** A fee of \$15 must be paid to the Secretary
of State for the following:

34 A. A report of a search of the records of the Bureau of
36 Motor Vehicles for each name or identification number;

38 B. Filing an application for a first certificate of title,
including security interest;

40 C. Filing notice of a security interest after the first
42 certificate of title has been issued;

44 D. A certificate of title after a transfer;

46 E. A certificate of salvage;

48 F. A corrected certificate of title or salvage;

2 G. A duplicate certificate; or

4 H. Assignment of a new vehicle identification number.

6 For a person who possesses a trailer or semitrailer registration
8 pursuant to section 512 or a permanent registration pursuant to
section 512-A, the fee is \$10.

10 Sec. 17. 29-A MRSA §658, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 1995, c.
12 482, Pt. A, §12, is further amended to read:

14 E. A description of the vehicle, including its make, model,
16 model year designation, identification number, type of body,
18 whether new ~~or~~, used, rebuilt, repaired or salvage, current
20 mileage and, if a new vehicle, the date of the first sale of
the vehicle for use. If the vehicle is a motor home, the
chassis identification number must be used and the
manufacturer's identification number, make, name and model
year must be designated by the Secretary of State on the
certificate; or

22 Sec. 18. 29-A MRSA §667, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
24 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

26 1. Certificate of salvage. When, by reason of its
28 condition or circumstance, a vehicle for which a certificate of
title has been issued by this State is declared a salvage vehicle:

30 A. By an insurer, the insurer or its designee shall
32 surrender the certificate of title to the Secretary of State
and apply for a certificate of salvage, in accordance with
34 section 654, within 20 days of the settlement of the
insurance claim; ~~or~~

36 B. By the owner of the vehicle, the owner shall surrender
38 the certificate of title to the Secretary of State and apply
40 for a certificate of salvage in accordance with section 654
prior to the transfer of the vehicle, unless the owner
transfers the vehicle to a recycler licensed under this
chapter; or

42 C. By a towing company, if the towing company makes clear
44 that the vehicle is a total loss, while claiming the vehicle
46 pursuant to chapter 15, subchapter III. Any certificate of
48 ownership issued to a towing company under section 1856,
which the towing company has declared a total loss, must
bear the legend "salvage vehicle."

50 Sec. 19. 29-A MRSA §667, sub-§5, ¶F is enacted to read:

2 F. The legend "repaired" must appear on a certificate of
4 title for a repaired salvage vehicle if the vehicle is
 repaired as defined in section 602, subsection 12.

6 **Sec. 20. 29-A MRSA §705, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
8 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

10 **1. Release on satisfaction.** Upon satisfaction of the
12 security interest of the lienholder, the lienholder shall, within
14 ~~10~~ 14 days after demand ~~or, in any event, within 20 days~~, execute
 a release of the security interest in the space provided on the
 certificate. The lienholder shall:

16 A. Release the certificate of title, certificate of salvage
18 or certificate of lien to the subordinate lienholder if one
 is named;

20 B. If the lien was satisfied in conjunction with the sale
22 of the vehicle and there is no subordinate lienholder,
24 release the certificate of title, certificate of salvage or
 certificate of lien to the owner or to a person who delivers
 to the lienholder an authorization from the owner to receive
 the certificate; or

26 C. Deliver the certificate to the owner and notify the
28 Secretary of State that the lien has been satisfied.

30 **Sec. 21. 29-A MRSA §1101, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
32 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed and the
 following enacted in its place:

34 **1. Recycler.** "Recycler" means a person engaged in the
36 business of purchasing or acquiring salvage vehicles for the
 purpose of:

38 A. Reselling the vehicle or its component parts;

40 B. Rebuilding or repairing the vehicle for the purpose of
 resale;

42 C. Selling the vehicle's basic materials;

44 D. Displaying or storing the vehicle or its parts; or

46 E. Acting as a scrap processor.

48 A person may not engage in business as a recycler without a
 recycler license issued under this subchapter.

2 **Sec. 22. 29-A MRSA §1105, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1997, c.
437, §28, is further amended to read:

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6 **3. Annex or secondary locations.** Each secondary or annex
location of a recycler must be approved and licensed by the
Secretary of State pursuant to section 957. The annual fee for
8 each secondary ~~or~~-annex location is ~~\$75~~ \$100. The annual fee for
each annex location is \$150.

10 **Sec. 23. 29-A MRSA §1304, sub-§1, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
12 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

14 E. Unless the permittee is operating a motorcycle or
motor-driven cycle, the permit requires the permittee to be
16 accompanied by a licensed operator who:

18 (1) Has at least one year of driving experience;

20 (2) Is at least 18 years of age; and

22 (3) Is occupying a seat beside the driver; and

24 (4) Is licensed to operate the class vehicle operated
by the permittee.

26 The accompanying operator must adhere to all restrictions
28 applied to the license when functioning as the permittee's
accompanying operator.

30 **Sec. 24. 29-A MRSA §1308, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
32 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

34 **2. Examination.** An accident-prone driver, after notice and
hearing, may be required to pass an operator's examination or
36 submit to other instruction to improve driving as prescribed by
the Secretary of State to retain a license.

38 **Sec. 25. 29-A MRSA §1352, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
40 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

42 B. The Secretary of State shall:

44 (1) Conduct, or authorize other qualified persons to
conduct, certification courses; and

46 (2) Establish reasonable qualification standards and
48 requirements for certification. The requirements must

2 include a provision to demonstrate proficiency in
operating a motorcycle.

4 **Sec. 26. 29-A MRSA §1354, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1995, c.
505, §15 and affected by §22, is amended to read:

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8 B. A vehicle used as a training vehicle must be maintained
in safe mechanical condition at all times. Each vehicle
10 must be equipped with dual-control foot brakes and, if the
vehicle is not equipped with an automatic transmission,
12 dual-control clutch pedals. While being used in actual
instruction, a vehicle must be equipped with an
14 identification sign listing the name of the school and a
student driver sign.

16 ~~The following vehicles are exempt from this subsection, if~~
17 ~~they are equipped with dual controls as required in this~~
18 ~~paragraph and comply with any other applicable requirements~~
20 ~~not required to have dual controls and an identification~~
sign listing the name of the school and a student driver
sign:

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24 (1) A vehicle that is being used to instruct a person
with a disability and is specially equipped for use by
a person with a disability; and

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28 (2) A vehicle that is being used to instruct a person
in possession of a valid Maine driver's license or
instruction permit not provided when the vehicle is not
30 provided by the driver education school.

32 **Sec. 27. 29-A MRSA §1612, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1997, c.
437, §41, is further amended to read:

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36 The Secretary of State may not issue a dealer, transporter,
loaner, motorcycle dealer or trailer dealer license or
38 registration plates under chapter 9, subchapter I, except to
equipment dealers or dealers who are only licensed to sell
40 trailers with a gross vehicle weight rating of 3,000 pounds or
less, and that do not request dealer registration plates in
42 conjunction with the license, until the applicant has procured
and filed with the Secretary of State a certificate showing that
44 the applicant is covered by an automobile bodily injury and
property damage liability insurance policy providing coverage as
46 set forth in this Title with respect to the plates issued,
approved by the Superintendent of Insurance, insuring against any
48 legal liability in accordance with the terms of that policy for
personal injury or death of any one person in the sum of \$100,000
and for any number of persons in the sum of \$100,000 and against
50 property damage in the sum of ~~\$300,000~~ \$100,000 when injury,

2 death or damage may result from or have been caused by the
3 operation of any vehicle bearing such registration plates. In
4 lieu of that insurance, the applicant may file with the Secretary
5 of State a bond or bonds issued by a surety company authorized to
6 do business in the State in the amount of at least \$100,000 on
7 account of injury to or death of any one person and subject to
8 such limits as respects injury to or death of one person; of at
9 least \$300,000 on account of any one accident resulting in injury
10 to or death of more than one person; and of at least \$100,000 for
11 damage to property of others.

12 **Sec. 28. 29-A MRSA §2308, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
13 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

14 **4. Use of flashing red lights restricted.** A Except during
15 a driving license examination a school bus operator may not use
16 the system of flashing lights on a school bus for a purpose other
17 than controlling traffic while stopping to receive or discharge
18 school-age persons.

19 **Sec. 29. 29-A MRSA §2458, sub-§2, ¶N**, as amended by PL 1995, c.
20 65, Pt. A, §118 and affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is further
21 amended to read:

22 N. Has failed to surrender to the Secretary of State a
23 commercial driver's license that has been suspended or
24 revoked; ~~or~~

25 **Sec. 30. 29-A MRSA §2458, sub-§2, ¶O**, as affected by PL 1995,
26 c. 65, Pt. A, §153 and enacted by Pt. B, §24 and affected by Pt.
27 C, §15, is amended to read:

28 O. Has a license, permit or the privilege to apply for or
29 obtain a license suspended or revoked by a jurisdiction of
30 the United States or a province; ~~or~~

31 **Sec. 31. 29-A MRSA §2458, sub-§2, ¶P** is enacted to read:

32 P. Has failed to provide a valid social security number
33 pursuant to section 1301.

34 **Sec. 32. 29-A MRSA §2507, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 1997, c.
35 437, §45, is amended to read:

36 **1-A. Increased liability insurance requirement.** A person
37 seeking early reinstatement of a driver's license under this
38 section must furnish proof of financial responsibility,
39 demonstrating that the person has secured and will maintain an
40 automobile liability policy with ~~the following limits:~~ no less
41 than \$300,000 single limit. A person is ineligible to
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2 participate in the ignition interlock device program if that
3 person fails to comply with the insurance requirement of this
4 subsection.

6 A. ~~Three hundred thousand dollars for damage to property;~~

8 B. ~~Three hundred thousand dollars for injury to or death of~~
9 ~~any one person; and~~

10 C. ~~Three hundred thousand dollars for one accident~~
11 ~~resulting in injury to or death of more than one person.~~

12 ~~A person is ineligible to participate in the ignition interlock~~
13 ~~device program if that person fails to comply with the insurance~~
14 ~~requirement of this subsection.~~

18 SUMMARY

20 This bill does the following.

22 1. It defines "reconstructed motorcycle."

24 2. In the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 152,
25 it gives the Secretary of State statutory authority to assign a
26 new identification number to owner-assembled motorcycles whose
27 component parts, as defined by Title 29-A, §602, subsection 2,
28 are new, used or a mixture of new and used.

30 3. It allows municipal agents to issue new registrations
31 for trucks with a gross weight of up to 9,000 pounds without the
32 further training described in Title 29-A, section 201, subsection
33 2, paragraph C, subparagraph (2).

34 4. It provides for a new issuance of all motor vehicle
35 dealer plates.

36 5. It removes the height restrictions for the word
37 "Vacationland."

38 6. It clarifies that vanity plates may not be duplicated in
39 the same vehicle class.

40 7. It increases the reserved number fee to \$15 to be
41 consistent with the reserve plate fee.

42 8. It creates a 25-year semitrailer registration.

43 9. It changes the compliance date for reapplication for
44 disability plates or placards from January 1, 1999 to January 1,
45 2001 and repeals the effective date of January 1, 1996.

2 10. It brings the reinstatement fee for a fuel use
4 identification decal in line with other reinstatement fees within
the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

6 11. It adds Title 29-A, section 562 to the list of motor
8 carriers who are not exempt from the Motor Carrier Review Board.

10 12. It gives the option to code certificates of title as
12 rebuilt, repaired or salvage, even though the vehicle named on
the title has not been declared a salvage vehicle.

14 13. It closes a loophole whereby towing companies are
16 currently issued ordinary certificates of title for total-loss
vehicles so that the towing company is issued a certificate of
salvage.

18 14. It requires that the certificate of title for a
20 repaired salvage vehicle must show the legend "repaired" on its
face.

22 15. It changes the number of days that a lienholder has to
24 execute a release of the security interest.

26 16. It defines "recycler."

28 17. It makes the annex and secondary location license fees
30 for recyclers consistent with other types of dealer annex and
secondary location fees.

32 18. It clarifies that an operator accompanying a permittee
34 must adhere to all restrictions applied to that operator's
driver's license when acting as an accompanying operator, and
36 that an accompanying operator must be licensed to operate the
class vehicle operated by the permittee.

38 19. It provides the Secretary of State with authority to
40 require an accident-prone driver to obtain driving instruction
and education in addition to or as an alternative to passing an
operator's examination.

42 20. It permits the Secretary of State to authorize
44 qualified persons to conduct motorcycle driver education
instructor certification courses.

46 21. It clarifies that identification signs and dual
48 controls are not required on a vehicle provided by a person
already in possession of a valid Maine driver's license or
50 instruction permit when the vehicle is not provided by the driver
education school.

2 22. It lowers the property damage limits from \$300,000 to
\$100,000 for licensed vehicle dealers.

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6 23. It allows the Secretary of State to require an
applicant for a school bus endorsement to activate the flashing
red lights during a driving examination.

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10 24. It authorizes the suspension of a license for failure
to provide a valid social security number on an application for,
or renewal of, a driver's license.

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14 25. It clarifies that the minimum amount of liability
insurance necessary for participation in the ignition interlock
device program is \$300,000 single limit.