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H.P. 165

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

An Act to Further Decriminalize Operating an Unregistered Vehicle.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples.
Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §351**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 584, Pt. B,
§4, is further amended to read:

6 **§351. Registration required**

8 The owner of a vehicle that is operated or remains on a
10 public way is responsible for registering the vehicle.

12 1. ~~Failure to register. A person commits a Class E crime~~
~~if that person~~ vehicle owner who fails to register a vehicle that
14 is operated or remains on a public way as provided by this Title.
commits:

16 A. A civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more
18 than \$50 may be adjudged if the vehicle was registered and
the registration has been expired for more than 30 days but
20 less than 120 days; or

22 B. A Class E crime if the vehicle was not registered or the
registration has been expired for 120 days or more.

24 1-A. **Residents required to register.** An owner of a vehicle
26 who becomes a resident of this State shall register that vehicle
in this State within 30 days of establishing residency. ~~A person~~
28 An owner who operates or allows a vehicle that is not registered
in accordance with this subsection to remain on a public way
30 ~~commits a Class E crime pursuant to~~ violates subsection 1.

32 2. **Operating a vehicle with an expired registration.** The
owner or operator of a vehicle stopped by a law enforcement
34 officer and having a registration that ~~had~~ has expired within the
last 30 days must be issued a warning, rather than a summons, in
36 a form designated by the Chief of the State Police. This warning
must state that:

38 A. Within 2 business days, the owner or operator must
40 register the vehicle;

42 B. The renewed registration expires on the same month as
the previous registration; and

44 C. The registration fee is the same as for a full year
46 year's registration.

48 3. **Temporary permit to tow unregistered vehicle.** A law
enforcement officer or an employee of the bureau designated by
50 the Secretary of State may issue a permit in writing to allow:

