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H.P. 377

House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

An Act to Amend the Fines for Operating an Uninspected or 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 SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.
Cosponsored by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland and
Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, FOSTER of Gray, GOODWIN of Pembroke,
KASPRZAK of Newport, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MACK of Standish,
McKENNEY of Cumberland, MENDROS of Lewiston.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §351, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683,
Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

6 **1. Failure to register.** A person commits a ~~Class-E-crime~~
7 traffic infraction if that person fails to register a vehicle
8 that is operated or remains on a public way as provided by this
Title.

10 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §351, sub-§1-A**, as repealed and replaced by
12 PL 1995, c. 584, Pt. B, §4, is amended to read:

14 **1-A. Residents required to register.** An owner of a vehicle
15 who becomes a resident of this State shall register that vehicle
16 in this State within 30 days of establishing residency. A person
17 who operates or allows a vehicle to remain on a public way that
18 is not registered in accordance with this subsection ~~to remain on~~
19 a public way commits a ~~Class-E-crime~~ traffic infraction pursuant
20 to subsection 1.

22 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §351, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683,
Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed.

24 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §351, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

26 **2-A. Operating a motor vehicle with an expired**
28 **registration.** A violation of this section is a traffic
infraction punishable by a forfeiture of:

30 **A. Twenty-five dollars if the registration of the motor**
32 **vehicle has been expired for 2 months or less;**

34 **B. Fifty dollars if the registration of the motor vehicle**
36 **has been expired for over 2 months but no more than 3**
months; or

38 **C. Seventy-five dollars if the registration of the motor**
40 **vehicle has been expired for more than 3 months.**

42 The Secretary of State may not assess points against a violator's
43 motor vehicle operator's license issued pursuant to section 1251
44 for a first-time violation of this section, but the Bureau of
45 Motor Vehicles shall keep a record of that violation. The
46 Secretary of State may assess points against a violator's motor
47 vehicle operator's license issued pursuant to section 1251 if the
48 violator violates this section twice within a 2-year period.
49 Three or more violations of this section within a 10-year period
50 constitute a Class E crime punishable by a 30-day loss of license.

2 3. Seventy-five dollars if the inspection sticker has been
invalid or the registration has been expired for more than 3
months.

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6 The bill prohibits the Secretary of State from assessing
points against the violator's motor vehicle operator's license
for a first-time offense but requires the Bureau of Motor
8 Vehicles to keep records, and the Secretary of State may assess
points for a 2nd violation if it occurs within 2 years of the
10 first violation. This bill makes committing the same infraction
3 times within a 10-year period a Class E crime punishable with a
12 30-day suspension of the violator's motor vehicle operator's
license.