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No. 657

S.P. 235

In Senate, January 26, 1999

An Act to Require the Revocation of the Registration of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MacKINNON of York.
Cosponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco and
Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: BOWLES of
Sanford, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, McALEVEY of Waterboro, MURPHY of
Berwick, NASS of Acton, WHEELER of Eliot.

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1601, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

3. Failure to produce evidence of insurance. If a person fails to produce evidence of liability insurance or financial responsibility, this failure is prima facie evidence that the person is uninsured and in violation of this section. The law enforcement officer shall complete a Violation Summons and Complaint and send one copy to the Secretary of State.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1601, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1997, c. 165, §1 and c. 176, §1, is further amended to read:

6. Suspension. Satisfactory evidence of liability insurance must be presented to the bureau by the end of the next business day after issuance of a Violation Summons and Complaint charging a violation of this section. If such evidence is not provided, the Secretary of State shall suspend the registration of the motor vehicle. Thirty days after the receipt of an abstract of an adjudication of a violation of this section, the Secretary of State shall suspend:

- A. The license of that person;
- B. The registration of a vehicle owned by that person; or
- C. The right to apply for a driver's license or vehicle registration.

The suspension continues until that person provides proof of financial responsibility to the Secretary of State pursuant to section 1605.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a law enforcement officer to summons a motor vehicle owner who can not provide evidence of insurance and to send a copy of the summons to the Secretary of State. If the motor vehicle owner fails to provide proof of insurance to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles by the end of the next business day after the summons, the Secretary of State shall suspend the motor vehicle's registration.