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H.P. 590

House of Representatives, January 28, 1999

An Act to Remove Uninsured Vehicles from State and Town Roads.

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 GOODWIN of Pembroke.
Cosponsored by Representatives LEMONT of Kittery, STANLEY of Medway,
Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and
Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, BRYANT of Dixfield, DUGAY of Cherryfield,
FRECHETTE of Biddeford, JACOBS of Turner, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick,
TWOMEY of Biddeford, WHEELER of Eliot.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1611, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

6 3-A. Failure to maintain insurance. An insurance company
8 that becomes aware of a client who allows the insurance to lapse,
10 cancels the insurance or in any way fails to meet the
12 requirements of this section for a motor vehicle registered in
14 this State immediately shall notify the Secretary of State of
16 this occurrence and include the identity of the motor vehicle
18 owner and the registration number of the motor vehicle. The
20 Secretary of State shall notify the motor vehicle owner by
22 registered mail that the owner has 7 days from the date of the
24 notice to provide to the clerk of the municipality in which the
26 motor vehicle owner lives one of the following:

18 A. The motor vehicle's registration plates:

20 B. Proof of valid, current insurance for the motor vehicle;
22 or

24 C. A properly executed affidavit by the owner stating that
26 the motor vehicle is a recreational vehicle that is used
28 seasonally and that the motor vehicle will not be operated
30 for a specific period of time. The motor vehicle owner
32 shall obtain valid insurance for the recreational motor
34 vehicle before that vehicle is operated. A violation of
36 this paragraph is a Class E crime.

38 The clerk immediately shall inform the Secretary of State if the
40 motor vehicle owner returned the plates, provided proof of
42 insurance or provided an affidavit pursuant to paragraph C. If
44 the clerk informs the Secretary of State that the plates were
46 returned or if the Secretary of State receives no notice from the
48 clerk within 15 days of the date of the notice, the Secretary of
50 State shall suspend the motor vehicle's registration and send
notice to both the motor vehicle owner and the sheriff of the
county in which the motor vehicle owner lives.

SUMMARY

42 This bill requires in the instance where a motor vehicle
44 owner cancels or allows the motor vehicle's insurance to lapse
46 that:

48 1. The insurance company immediately notify the Secretary
of State;

50 2. The Secretary of State instruct the motor vehicle owner

2 to provide to the clerk of the municipality in which the vehicle
owner lives one of the following:

4 A. The motor vehicle's registration plates;

6 B. Proof of valid current insurance for the motor vehicle;
or

8 C. An affidavit by the motor vehicle owner that the motor
10 vehicle is a recreational vehicle and will not be used for a
specific period of time; and

12 3. The Secretary of State suspend the motor vehicle's
14 registration if the owner fails to provide such an affidavit or
proof of insurance.