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House of Representatives, March 2, 1999

**An Act to Strengthen the Motor Vehicle Laws Pertaining to Registration
of Motor Vehicles.**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMONT of Kittery.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, JOY of Crystal, MacDOUGALL of
North Berwick, MURPHY of Berwick, TRUE of Fryeburg, WHEELER of Eliot, Senator:
LAWRENCE of York.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§50,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.
683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

6 **50. Owner.** "Owner" means a person holding title to a
vehicle or having exclusive right to the use of the vehicle for a
8 ~~period of 30 days or more, which need not be consecutive.~~

10 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§62,** as amended by PL 1995, c.
454, §1, is further amended to read:

12 **62. Resident.** "Resident" means a person who has declared
14 or established residency in this State or has been domiciled or
living in this State for a ~~period of~~ at least 30 days, which need
16 not be consecutive, except for persons in compliance with section
109, subsection 1.

18 Except for a person in compliance with section 109, subsection 1,
20 a person is deemed to be a resident:

22 A. For all vehicles owned by that person that are garaged
24 or maintained in this State; or

26 B. If engaged in the business of renting you-drive or
you-haul vehicles for an apportioned share of all vehicles
28 based on the ratio of the mileage of vehicles operated in
this State to the total mileage of vehicles operated both
30 within and without the State.

32 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §109, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.
683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed.

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36 **SUMMARY**

38 This bill amends the motor vehicle laws to change the
definitions of "resident" and "owner." The bill also repeals the
40 provision that would exempt a nonresident from registration and
licensing laws of this State if the state that nonresident was
42 from offered the same exemption to a resident of this State if
that resident was in that state.