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H.P. 266

House of Representatives, January 28, 2003

### **An Act To Allow Modular Home Transporters To Obtain Trailer Transit Plates**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative JOY of Crystal.  
Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and  
Representatives: HEIDRICH of Oxford, LEDWIN of Holden, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

2           **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

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6           **Whereas,** current law is unclear as to the use of transit  
plates by modular home transporters; and

8           **Whereas,** it is in the best interest of the public that this  
ambiguity be resolved as soon as possible; and

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12           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
14 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,

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

20           **Sec. 1. 29-A MRS §462, sub-§8,** as repealed and replaced by PL  
2001, c. 149, §1, is amended to read:

22           **8. Trailer transit plate.** A business that delivers or  
services mobile homes, leases or transports storage trailers or  
24 transports light trailers, modular homes or frames for  
transporting modular homes may apply for a trailer transit  
license and plate. The transit plate may not be loaned, used in  
26 place of registration plates on another vehicle, used for  
personal reasons or used on the towing vehicle. Issuance of a  
28 trailer transit license and plate does not exempt the holder from  
compliance with any state law or municipal ordinance governing  
30 the movement of mobile homes, storage trailers, modular homes or  
frames for transporting modular homes or light trailers over the  
32 highways of this State and does not exempt the holder from  
required permits or certificates prior to moving the vehicles.  
34 Trailer transit plates issued pursuant to this subsection may  
36 only be used subject to the following conditions.

38           A. A storage trailer must be empty during transportation.

40           B. A light trailer may be transported with a load  
appropriate for the light trailer, provided that the load is  
42 owned by or in the custody of the transporting business.

44           C. A light trailer may be transported with a trailer  
transit plate only if the business owner or an employee of  
46 the business accompanies the vehicle transporting the light  
trailer.

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50           Fees for trailer transit licenses and plates are established in  
section 852. Trailer transit licenses are exempt from section  
951, subsection 6.

2 For purposes of this subsection, "business" means a corporation,  
4 firm, partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship or other  
commercial entity.

6 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
8 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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### SUMMARY

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This bill allows businesses that transport modular homes or  
14 frames for transporting modular homes to apply for a trailer  
transit license and plate.

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