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House of Representatives, January 30, 2003

**An Act To Rescind the Vehicle Registration of a Person Who Pays
for That Registration with a Bad Check**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HUTTON of Bowdoinham.
Cosponsored by Senator HATCH of Somerset and
Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, CANAVAN of Waterville, GROSE of Woolwich,
LESSARD of Topsham, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, NORTON of Bangor, O'BRIEN
of Lewiston, PINEAU of Jay.

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

2 Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1491-A is enacted to read:

4 **§1491-A. Bad checks**

6 **1. Bad checks.** The Secretary of State shall rescind a
8 vehicle registration for which the excise tax is paid with a
10 check that is subsequently returned because of insufficient
12 funds, a stop-payment order or a closed account.

14 **2. Insufficient funds.** If a check under subsection 1 is
16 returned for insufficient funds, the collector of the tax shall
18 notify the person whose name appears on the vehicle registration
20 that the person has 30 days to pay the excise tax plus bank
22 charges for the bad check or face rescission of the
24 registration. If the person does not pay the excise tax and bank
26 charges within 30 days of notification, the collector of the tax
28 may forward the person's name, address and vehicle registration
30 information to the Secretary of State to rescind the registration.

32 **3. Stop-payment orders and closed accounts.** If a check
34 under subsection 1 is returned due to a stop-payment order or a
36 closed account, the collector of the tax may immediately forward
 the name, address and vehicle registration information on the
 registration to the Secretary of State to rescind the
 registration.

30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill requires the Secretary of State to rescind the
34 vehicle registration of a person who pays the excise tax for the
36 vehicle with a check that is returned because of insufficient
 funds, a stop-payment order or a closed account.