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### An Act To Restrict Use of Auto Dealer Plates

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLS of Cornville.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §903, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683,  
Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

6 **3. Plate reduction.** The Upon renewal, the number of plates  
allowed a motor vehicle dealer who fails to sell, through retail  
8 sales, a minimum of one vehicle per month or 12 vehicles within a  
12-month period must be reduced to one dealer plate unless--the  
10 Secretary--of--State--determines--that--the--reduction--is--not  
warranted, and the motor vehicle dealer may not be allocated a  
12 dealer plate under section 1002, subsection 1, paragraph B. Upon  
application for a 2nd renewal, a motor vehicle dealer must be  
14 denied renewal if the Secretary of State determines that the  
dealer sold fewer than 4 vehicles, through retail sales, in the  
16 previous license year, at which time all dealer credentials  
issued previously must be returned to the Secretary of State.

18 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1002, sub-§1, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.  
20 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

22 B. Personal use by a manufacturer or dealer. There--may--be  
no--more--than--one One dealer plate may be issued for the  
24 personal use of the manufacturer or dealer and one dealer  
plate for the personal use of the immediate family of the  
26 dealer as long as a fee of \$300 is paid annually to the  
municipality in which the dealer resides for each plate in  
28 lieu of excise taxes. Evidence of the payment must be  
supplied to the Secretary of State as a condition of  
30 receiving and renewing the plates;

32 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill requires the Secretary of State not only to reduce  
36 the number of dealer plates to one upon the renewal of a motor  
vehicle dealer license if the motor vehicle dealer sells fewer  
38 than 12 vehicles in a 12-month period but also prohibits the  
Secretary of State from issuing a dealer plate for personal use.  
40 The bill also requires a motor vehicle dealer to return all  
dealer plates if the dealer sells fewer than 4 vehicles in the  
42 previous year. The bill also requires a fee of \$300 to be  
charged for each dealer plate issued for personal use.