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House of Representatives, March 25, 2003

An Act To Require That Temporary Registration Plates Identify the Issuing Dealership

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
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Clerk

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.
Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and
Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, HEIDRICH of Oxford, McNEIL of Rockland, VAUGHAN of Durham, Senator: SAVAGE of Knox.

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

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Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §462, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683,
4 Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

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1. Temporary plate attachment. Except a transporter
licensee or loaner licensee, a person licensed as a dealer may,
8 on the sale or exchange of a motor vehicle or trailer, attach to
its rear a temporary registration plate that meets the
10 requirements of subsection 1-A. For the purposes of this
subsection, "loaner licensee" means a person to whom the
12 Secretary of State has granted permission to use loaner plates on
vehicles owned by that person for the purpose of loaning those
14 vehicles to customers whose vehicles are being repaired at the
licensee's business location.

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Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §462, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

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1-A. Identification of dealership. A temporary
20 registration plate attached to a motor vehicle or trailer in
accordance with subsection 1 must identify the dealership that
22 attaches the temporary plate. The Secretary of State shall adopt
rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to
24 this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title
5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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SUMMARY

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This bill requires that temporary registration plates
attached to motor vehicles or trailers by persons licensed as
32 dealers identify the dealership. This would enable the law
enforcement community, when necessary, to contact the dealership
34 to obtain car owner information.