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An Act Regarding Automobile Dealer Registration Plates

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 11, 2003. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLS of Cornville.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CURLEY of Scarborough, LEDWIN of Holden.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §903, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 496,
4 §1, is further amended to read:

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

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19 A motor vehicle dealer who is denied a license renewal under this
20 subsection may not reapply until the license has been expired at
21 least one year.

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23 A motor vehicle dealer who holds a vehicle auction business
24 license under section 1051 is exempt from this subsection.

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SUMMARY

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29 Public Law 2003, chapter 496 amended the laws governing the
30 use of automobile dealer plates by linking the number of
31 allowable dealer plates to the number of vehicles sold through
32 retail sale. In recognition of the significant number of
33 vehicles sold through wholesale sale, this bill would alter the
34 criteria to include those sales.