

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 690

In Senate, December 30, 2005

### **An Act To Improve the Process for Issuing Duplicate Motor Vehicle Certificates of Title**

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

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 28, 2005. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Senator: DAMON of Hancock, Representative: FISHER of Brewer.

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

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**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §661, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683,  
4 Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

6 **1. Application.** If a certificate of title or certificate  
of salvage is lost, stolen, mutilated or destroyed or becomes  
8 illegible, the owner or legal representative of the owner named  
in the certificate, as shown by the records of the Secretary of  
10 State, shall promptly make application for and may obtain a  
duplicate upon furnishing information satisfactory to the  
12 Secretary of State. A duplicate certificate of title or  
certificate of salvage ~~must contain the legend, "This is a~~  
14 ~~duplicate certificate and may be subject to the rights of a~~  
~~person under the original certificate."~~ It must be mailed to the  
16 owner named on the certificate unless that owner gives written  
authorization to mail the certificate to another person. If a  
18 certificate of lien has been lost, stolen, mutilated or destroyed  
or becomes illegible, the first lienholder shown on the  
20 certificate may apply for and obtain a duplicate upon furnishing  
information satisfactory to the Secretary of State.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill eliminates the requirement that a duplicate  
certificate of title or certificate of salvage contain language  
28 indicating that the certificate is a duplicate.