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An Act To Clarify the Intent of the Law That Allows Retired Firefighters To Retain Their Firefighter License Plates

(EMERGENCY)

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

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

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Presented by Representative JACKSON of Fort Kent.

1 2	Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
3 4	Whereas, Public Law 2005, chapter 80 allows, upon approval of the fire chief, retired firefighters to retain and use their firefighter registration plates; and
5 6	Whereas, some confusion exists as to whether this law allows firefighters who retired prior to the effective date of the law to retain their registration plates; and
7 8	Whereas, public policy demands that ambiguity in the law be removed as quickly as possible; and
9 10 11 12	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
13	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
14	Sec. 1. PL 2005, c. 80, §2 is enacted to read:
15 16	Sec. 2. Application. This Act applies to all retired firefighters, regardless of the date of retirement.
17	Sec. 2. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to September 17, 2005.
18 19	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
20	SUMMARY
21 22 23	This bill amends Public Law 2005, chapter 80, "An Act To Allow Retired Firefighters To Retain Their Firefighter License Plates," to clarify that the law applies to all retired firefighters, regardless of the date of retirement.