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L.D. 987 1 Date: 5/15/15 (Filing No. H- 148) 2 **TRANSPORTATION** 3 Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House. 4 5 STATE OF MAINE 6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 7 127TH LEGISLATURE 8 FIRST REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 682, L.D. 987, Bill, "An Act To 9 Suspend the Right of an Out-of-state Toll Violator To Operate a Motor Vehicle on Maine 10 Roads" 11 12 Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph C in subparagraph (1) in the 6th to 8th lines 13 (page 1, lines 11 to 13 in L.D.) by striking out all of the underlined sentence and inserting the following: 'If no address is on record with the authority or the Secretary of State, the 14 15 notice may be sent to an address for the registered owner obtained by the authority 16 through other reasonable means, including but not limited to through databases compiled by law enforcement or other government agencies.' 17 18 Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph G in the last blocked paragraph by striking 19 out all of the last underlined sentence (page 2, lines 20 to 22 in L.D.) 20 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3. 21 Amend the bill in section 4 by striking out all of subsection 6 (page 2, lines 33 to 42) 22 and page 3, lines 1 to 3 in L.D.) and inserting the following: 23 '6. Recovery of turnpike tolls. Upon receipt of notice from the Maine Turnpike 24 Authority in accordance with Title 23, section 1980, subsection 2-A, paragraph G, the 25 Secretary of State, in accordance with section 2482, shall mail the required 10 day notice 26 and suspend the registration certificate and plates issued for the vehicle in question. If the 27 motor vehicle is registered in another jurisdiction, the Secretary of State shall suspend the 28 owner's right to operate the motor vehicle in this State in accordance with section 2461. 29 The Secretary of State shall mail a notice of suspension to the registered owner at the last name and address on record with the Secretary of State, which may include an address 30 31 obtained by reasonable means under Title 23, section 1980, subsection 2-A, paragraph C. 32 The suspension takes effect on the date specified in the notice, which may not be less 33 than 10 days after the mailing of the notification. The Secretary of State may not 34 reinstate the registration certificate and plates or restore the owner's right to operate the 35 motor vehicle in the State until the Maine Turnpike Authority provides notice notifies the 36 Secretary of State that the toll and applicable fines fees and penalties have been paid.

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Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Title 5, section 9052, subsection 1 does not apply to a notice of suspension issued pursuant to this subsection.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment removes from the bill the language that provides that if the motor vehicle involved in a toll violation is registered in another jurisdiction and the registered owner's address is not known by the Maine Turnpike Authority, the notice may be sent to the motor vehicle registry of the jurisdiction that issued the registration. Instead, the amendment provides that the notice may be sent to an address for the registered owner obtained by the Maine Turnpike Authority through other reasonable means, including but not limited to through databases compiled by law enforcement or other government agencies.

The amendment also removes from the bill section 3 and the cross-reference in section 4 to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 2482, which relates to notice of suspension or revocation of a license, and replaces it with language that provides that the suspension takes effect on the date specified in the notice, which may not be less than 10 days after the mailing of the notification.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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An Act To Suspend the Right of an Out-of-state Toll Violator To Operate a Motor Vehicle on Maine Roads

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A (H-148)

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Highway Fund Minor cost increase - Maine Turnpike Authority Minor revenue increase - Highway Fund Minor revenue increase - Maine Turnpike Authority

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Secretary of State and Maine Turnpike Authority associated with sending notices of liability and suspending licenses of out of state drivers can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Highway Fund revenue would increase by a minor amount related to reinstatement fees from out of state drivers.