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TRANSPORTATION

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1268, L.D. 1783, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following:

'Sec. 8. 29-A MRSA §462, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §5 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

11. Records. A person issued temporary registration plates by the Secretary of State shall maintain a written record on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State of the use or disposal of every plate. The record must be available for inspection by the Secretary of State at the person's place of business and must be submitted annually upon application for renewal of a dealer license. A person who violates this subsection commits a traffic infraction.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 13 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 13. 29-A MRSA §652, sub-§18, as amended by PL 2019, c. 141, §1, is further amended to read:

18. Vehicle model year at least 20 years old. A vehicle that is at least 20 years old according to its model year at the time of sale or transfer of ownership to a recycler, salvage vehicle dealer or scrap processor if:

A. The recycler, salvage vehicle dealer or scrap processor obtains the seller's name and the address of the seller's residence from a government-issued photograph identification document or credential and maintains the seller's name and address and vehicle identification number of the scrapped vehicle for a period of at least ~~one year~~ 5 years; and

B. The recycler, salvage vehicle dealer or scrap processor accurately reports the destruction of the vehicle to the Secretary of State within 30 days in a manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.

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1 Violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction.

2 This subsection applies only to vehicles that are scrapped. For purposes of this
3 subsection, a government-issued photograph identification document or credential
4 includes, but is not limited to, a current and valid United States passport, military
5 identification, driver's license or nondriver identification card.'

6 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 20.

7 Amend the bill by inserting after section 25 the following:

8 **'Sec. 26. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 229, §32,
9 is further amended to read:

10 B. "Authorized emergency vehicle" means any one of the following vehicles:

11 (1) An ambulance;

12 (2) A Baxter State Park Authority vehicle operated by a Baxter State Park
13 ranger;

14 (3) A Bureau of Marine Patrol vehicle operated by a coastal warden;

15 (4) A Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry vehicle operated by
16 a forest ranger;

17 (5) A Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry vehicle used for
18 forest fire control;

19 (6) A Department of Corrections vehicle used for responding to the escape of or
20 performing the high-security transfer of a prisoner, juvenile client or juvenile
21 detainee;

22 (7) A Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife vehicle operated by a warden;

23 (8) A Department of Public Safety vehicle operated by a police officer appointed
24 pursuant to Title 25, section 2908, a state fire investigator or a Maine Drug
25 Enforcement Agency officer;

26 (9) An emergency medical service vehicle;

27 (10) A fire department vehicle;

28 (11) A hazardous material response vehicle, including a vehicle designed to
29 respond to a weapon of mass destruction;

30 (12) A railroad police vehicle;

31 (13) A sheriff's department vehicle;

32 (14) A State Police or municipal police department vehicle;

33 (15) A vehicle operated by a chief of police, a sheriff or a deputy sheriff when
34 authorized by the sheriff;

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- 1 (16) A vehicle operated by a municipal fire inspector, a municipal fire chief, an
- 2 assistant or deputy chief or a town forest fire warden;
- 3 (17) A vehicle operated by a qualified deputy sheriff or other qualified
- 4 individual to perform court security-related functions and services as authorized
- 5 by the State Court Administrator pursuant to Title 4, section 17, subsection 15;
- 6 (18) A Federal Government vehicle operated by a federal law enforcement
- 7 officer;
- 8 (19) A vehicle operated by a municipal rescue chief, deputy chief or assistant
- 9 chief;
- 10 (20) An Office of the Attorney General vehicle operated by a detective
- 11 appointed pursuant to Title 5, section 202;
- 12 (21) A Department of the Secretary of State vehicle operated by a motor vehicle
- 13 detective; and
- 14 (22) A University of Maine System vehicle operated by a University of Maine
- 15 System police officer; and
- 16 (23) A life support transport vehicle when parked on a Department of
- 17 Transportation ferry vessel and being used to transport a person who requires
- 18 constant medical support to survive.

19 **Sec. 27. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§1, ¶H-1** is enacted to read:

20 H-1. "Life support transport vehicle" means a vehicle designated by the
21 Commissioner of Public Safety that is equipped with life-sustaining medical
22 equipment and that is used to transport a person who requires constant medical
23 support to survive.'

24 Amend the bill by inserting after section 26 the following:

25 '**Sec. 27. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§§10 and 11** are enacted to read:

26 **10. Life support transport vehicle.** A life support transport vehicle may not be
27 equipped with emergency lighting or sirens and may not exercise emergency privileges
28 under subsection 4 or 5. The Commissioner of Public Safety may adopt rules for the
29 purpose of designating life support transport vehicles. Rules adopted pursuant to this
30 subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

31 **11. Maine State Ferry Service.** The Commissioner of Transportation may adopt
32 rules to allow certain authorized emergency vehicles, including but not limited to a life
33 support transport vehicle, to idle on a vessel operated by the Maine State Ferry Service
34 and any additional rules necessary to ensure passenger safety while such a vehicle is
35 idling on a ferry. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules
36 pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment removes the section of the bill dealing with the suspension and revocation of instructors' licenses. This amendment defines "life support transport vehicle," adds those vehicles to the list of authorized emergency vehicles, adds restrictions on their use of emergency lights and sirens and authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to adopt rules concerning those vehicles. This amendment requires that a person issued temporary registration plates maintain a written record on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State and submit that form upon renewal of a dealer license.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



Approved: 06/08/19 *MAC*

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LD 1783

LR 2280(02)

An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-588)*

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium revenue increase - Highway Fund

Future biennium revenue decrease - Highway Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Lowering from 30,000 to 20,000 the minimum number of semitrailer registrations per owner or company required to qualify for 25-year permanent registrations would increase the number of permanent registrations issued in the first year or two after implementation and increase Highway Fund revenue in those years. Future revenue would be reduced as fewer registrations would need to be renewed until 25 years later. It is not known how many companies would take advantage of this provision and no revenue estimate is made. Additional costs to the Department of Secretary of State associated with this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.