

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2023

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No. 736

S.P. 294

In Senate, February 16, 2023

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### **An Act to Remove the Requirement That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Equipped with a Front License Plate**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative LANIGAN of Sanford.

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §452, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 577, §10, is further amended to read:

**1. Position of registration plate.** A registration plate must be displayed horizontally. Only one set of Maine registration plates plate may be displayed on ~~one~~ a vehicle. A registration plate must be attached to the ~~front and the rear of each vehicle,~~ including a trailer or semitrailer, except as follows.

~~A. A trailer and semitrailer registration plate may be attached only to the rear of that trailer or semitrailer.~~

~~B. A motorcycle registration plate may not be attached to the front of that motorcycle.~~

~~C. A manufacturer, dealer or transporter registration plate may be attached only to the rear of the vehicle.~~

D. A truck tractor registration plate may be attached only to the front of that truck tractor.

**Sec. 2. Additional changes to law.** By December 6, 2023, the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature to make changes to the Maine Revised Statutes to fully implement this Act.

## SUMMARY

This bill removes the requirement that certain motor vehicles must display a registration plate on the front of those motor vehicles.