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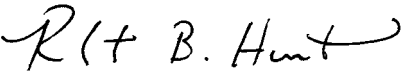
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H.P. 793

House of Representatives, March 21, 2023

An Act to Require Registration of Motorized Bicycles or Tricycles or Motorized Scooters

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, CRAVEN of Lewiston, LEE of
Auburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §351, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 68, §1, is amended to
3 read:

4 The owner of a vehicle that is operated or remains on a public way is responsible for
5 registering the vehicle. For purposes of this section, "vehicle" includes a motorized bicycle
6 or tricycle or motorized scooter.

7 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §458-C** is enacted to read:

8 **§458-C. Motorized bicycle or tricycle or motorized scooter**

9 A motorized bicycle or tricycle or motorized scooter may be registered in accordance
10 with the provisions of this section.

11 **1. Registration fee.** The fee for a motorized bicycle or tricycle or motorized scooter
12 registration is the same as the motor vehicle registration fee required under section 501,
13 subsection 1.

14 **2. Registration plate.** The Secretary of State shall issue a registration certificate and
15 a unique motorized bicycle or tricycle or motorized scooter registration plate in a 3-number
16 and 3-letter combination sequence.

17 **3. Application for registration.** An application for registration must contain
18 information requested by the Secretary of State, including the legal name, residence and
19 address of the registrant and the maker, the serial number if listed on the frame, the year of
20 manufacture, the type of motor fuel or motive power and a brief description of the
21 motorized bicycle or tricycle or motorized scooter. A registrant that is a corporation, trust,
22 limited partnership or other similar entity shall provide either a federal taxpayer
23 identification number or an identification number issued by the department. An initial
24 application for registration must be signed by the registrant or the registrant's legal
25 representative. The Secretary of State shall keep the initial application on file until that
26 registration is terminated.

27 **4. Registration.** The registration must indicate the year and make of the motorized
28 bicycle or tricycle or motorized scooter.

29 **5. Vanity plates.** The Secretary of State may not issue vanity plates for motorized
30 bicycles or tricycles or motorized scooters.

31 **6. Inspection.** A motorized bicycle or tricycle or motorized scooter is not subject to
32 the inspection requirements of section 1751, except that the Chief of the State Police may
33 provide certain inspection requirements for motorized bicycles or tricycles or motorized
34 scooters pursuant to section 1769.

35 **7. Rules.** The Secretary of State may adopt rules to enforce this section. Rules adopted
36 pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
37 subchapter 2-A.

38 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1769, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2
39 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

40 B. To designate periods of time during which owners of vehicles must display or
41 produce a certificate of inspection; and

Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §1769, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

C. Concerning the inspection of registered special mobile equipment not ordinarily operated over the highway-; and

Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §1769, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. Concerning the inspection of motorized bicycles or tricycles or motorized scooters.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a motorized bicycle or tricycle or motorized scooter to be registered to operate on a public way.