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No. 461

H. P. 1215

House of Representatives, Feb. 7, 1935.

On Motion of Mr. Lebel of Brunswick Reference Reconsidered. Referred to the Committee on State Prison and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Wheeler of St. George.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

**AN ACT Making Use of Copper Metal Mandatory in the Purchase or
Production of Motor Vehicle Plates.**

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

Sec. 1. Plates to be made of metal having resale value. All motor vehicle registration plates used in the state shall hereafter be made of copper or other such metal having a resale value after use thereof.

Sec. 2. Allowance to be made for returning old plates. At the beginning of each fiscal year, the secretary of state or the duly designated official in charge of motor vehicle registration in the state, shall make an allowance of \$1 per pair for all copper motor vehicle registration plates returned to the department. There shall be no allowance made, however, for plates unless such plates are returned by or for the person in whose name they were previously issued. The allowance for the plates shall be credited towards the purchase price of new registration, but no charge shall be made for the plates in addition to the regular cost of registration, the allowance provided for herein being intended as a reduction in cost of registration and as an inducement for motorists to cooperate with the state in salvaging the metal going to waste in the form of registration plates.

Sec. 3. Secretary of state to collect and sell old plates; may set up necessary equipment for retrieving metal from plates, converting it into new plates. The secretary of state or the official in charge of motor vehicle registration shall cause to be collected together all copper registration plates returned to the department each year and shall sell same to the highest bidder. Receipts from sale of such plates shall be credited to the regular registration accounts. After the first issue of copper plates, the secretary of state may cause to be installed at the state prison any necessary mechanical, chemical or electrical equipment as he may, after reasonable investigation find expedient, for the purpose of retrieving all copper metal from old plates returned to his department and for the further purpose of converting same into metal for future use in making plates for the state. No such processes, however, shall be carried out under the provisions of this section other than for the purpose of producing plates for the use of the state.