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CHAPTER 11

H. P. 66 — L. D. 96

AN ACT to Amend the Motor Vehicle Statutes to Allow the Secretary of State to Enter into the Nonresident Violator Compact.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, reciprocal enforcement of motor vehicle statutes will allow law enforcement officials to devote more time to highway patrol, surveillance and apprehension since nonresidents will be treated as residents with respect to motor vehicle law violations; and

Whereas, reciprocal enforcement of motor vehicle statutes will allow nonresident violators to be treated as residents thereby decreasing motorist delay and inconvenience; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

29 MRSA § 2243-B is enacted to read:

§ 2243-B. Nonresident violator compacts

1. **Authorization to enter into compact.** The Secretary of State may execute all documents and may perform all other acts necessary to enter into and carry out the provisions of a nonresident violator compact. The Secretary of State may enter into a nonresident violator compact with any other state or province.

2. **Suspension of resident operator's license.** The Secretary of State may suspend a resident operator's license or registration if the resident has failed:

- A. To respond to a traffic citation issued by any other state or province;
- B. To appear in court in any other state or province at the time specified by the court; or
- C. To comply with a court order issued by another state or province.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.