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B. If the registered owner is a lessor of vehicles and at the time of the violation the vehicle was in the possession of a lessee and the lessor provides the investigating officer with a copy of the lease agreement containing the information required by Title 29, section 901, the lessee and not the lessor may be charged under this section.

C. If the vehicle is operated using a dealer or transporter registration plate and at the time of the violation the vehicle was operated by a person other than the dealer or transporter and if the dealer or transporter provides the investigating officer with the name and address of the person who had control over the vehicle at the time of the violation, that person and not the dealer or transporter may be charged under this section.

D. If a report that the vehicle was stolen is given to a law enforcement officer or agency before the violation occurs or within a reasonable time after the violation occurs, the registered owner may not be charged under this section.

Sec. 2. Costs not funded. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5684, any requirements of this Act that result in additional costs to local or county government are not state mandates subject to that section and the State is not required to fund those costs.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 868

S.P. 831 - L.D. 2135

An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning the Maine Court Facilities Authority

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

4 MRSA §1606, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 438, §1, is amended to read:

2. Limitation on securities issued. The authority shall may not issue securities in excess of $\frac{15,000,000}{225,000,000}$ outstanding at any one time except for the issuance of revenue refunding securities authorized by section $\frac{1609}{1610}$. The amount of securities which can that may be outstanding in the name of the authority may be increased hereafter by the Legislature; upon a showing by the authority that its available revenues are sufficient to support additional issuance of bonds and that the issuance of bonds will not materially impair the credit standing of the authority, the investment status of bonds issued by the authority or the ability of the authority to fulfill its commitments to bondholders. Noth-

ing in this chapter may be construed to authorize the authority to issue securities to fund the construction, reconstruction, purchase or acquisition of facilities for the use of the Supreme Judicial Court; without approval of the Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 869

H.P. 1437 - L.D. 2049

An Act Regarding Special Plates

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

Whereas, Public Law 1991, chapter 600 contains provisions that are controversial relating to special plates for veterans; and

Whereas, in fairness to all veterans, Public Law 1991, chapter 600 should be repealed; and

Whereas, Public Law 1991, chapter 600 is now in effect and the changes contained in this legislation need to take effect immediately; 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:

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §252-H, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 7, §1, is amended to read:

§252-H. United States flag plates

The Secretary of State is authorized to design and issue a special plate depicting the United States flag. A person may display the United States flag plate on a vehicle registered up to 9,000 pounds or on a motor home by covering, but not removing, the normal front registration plate. The Secretary of State shall charge a fee of \$5 for each United States flag plate issued. Municipal agents appointed pursuant to section 52-A may charge \$1 in addition to the fee required by this section for each United States flag plate issued, the service charge to be retained by the municipality. The authorization to display the United States flag plate on a registered vehicle expires March 30, 1992 <u>1993</u>.

A person who displays the United States flag plate in place of the normal registration plate after March 30, 1992 1993 violates section 2183.