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standards. The administrator shall examine the reasonableness of standards during regular examinations and upon consumer complaint. At least 60 days but not more than 180 days prior to the maturity of the loan, the creditor must notify the consumer in writing of the maturity date and the amount due on the maturity date; ~~and. The 4-year limitation does not apply to a consumer credit transaction secured by a motor vehicle if the contract evidencing the transaction otherwise conforms to the requirements of this section and also permits the consumer to transfer the motor vehicle to the creditor in lieu of making the final payment without further liability, except that the contract may provide for the assessment against the consumer of one or more of the following:~~

- A. A reasonable disposition fee;
- B. Reasonable charges for excess mileage;
- C. Reasonable charges for excess wear and tear; and
- D. Reasonable charges for damage to the motor vehicle; and

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

Effective March 10, 2004.

CHAPTER 544

S.P. 609 - L.D. 1677

An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Automobile Dealer Registration 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 2003, chapter 496 requires that a motor vehicle dealer be denied renewal of the dealer license if the dealer sold fewer than 4 motor vehicles in the previous license year; and

Whereas, because of the often low-volume annual sales of classic autos, motor vehicle dealers who sell only classic autos will be denied renewal of their dealer's license; and

Whereas, to ensure that motor vehicle dealers that sell only classic autos may continue to do business, it is imperative that this legislation 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-A MRSA §903, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2003, c. 496, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Plate reduction. Upon renewal of a dealer license, the number of plates allowed a motor vehicle dealer who fails to sell, ~~through retail sales,~~ a minimum of one vehicle per month or 12 vehicles within a 12-month period must be reduced to one dealer plate, and the motor vehicle dealer may not be issued a dealer plate under section 1002, subsection 1, paragraph B. Upon a 2nd application for renewal of a dealer license, a motor vehicle dealer must be denied renewal if the Secretary of State determines that the dealer sold fewer than 4 vehicles, ~~through retail sales,~~ in the previous license year, at which time all dealer credentials issued previously must be returned to the Secretary of State.

A motor vehicle dealer who is denied a license renewal under this subsection may not reapply until the license has been expired at least one year.

A motor vehicle dealer who holds a vehicle auction business license under section 1051 is exempt from this subsection.

A motor vehicle dealer who engages primarily in the sale of classic vehicles, emergency vehicles or industrial or farm equipment is exempt from this subsection.

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

Effective March 10, 2004.

CHAPTER 545

H.P. 1227 - L.D. 1649

An Act To Rename the Former Vocational-technical Secondary Education Schools, Now Called Applied Technology Centers and Regions, Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions

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