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An Act to Create a 2-year Motor Vehicle Registration

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent and
Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, FARRIN of Somerset, TIMBERLAKE of
Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §405, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2
3 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

4 A. A registration expires on the last day of the month one year from the month of
5 issuance, except for a registration under paragraph D.

6 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §405, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2
7 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

8 B. When an application is made after the registration ~~for the previous year~~ has expired,
9 the term of the renewal begins on the month of the issuance of the previous registration.

10 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §405, sub-§1, ¶D** is enacted to read:

11 D. A person registering a motor vehicle under section 501, subsection 1 may choose
12 to register that motor vehicle for a 2-year period. Such a registration expires on the
13 last day of the month 2 years from the month of issuance. The excise tax under Title
14 36, section 1482 for the entire 2-year period must be paid at the time of registration.

15 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §501, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 206, §4, is further
16 amended by enacting a new 6th blocked paragraph to read:

17 The fee for a motor vehicle under this subsection for a 2-year registration under section
18 405, subsection 1, paragraph D is an amount of 2% more than the fee for a one-year
19 registration under this subsection or \$20, whichever is less.

20 **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §501, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and
21 affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

22 The annual fees for the registration of motor vehicles, except for a 2-year registration
23 under subsection 1, must accompany the application for registration and are as follows.

24 **Sec. 6. 36 MRSA §1482, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 263, §1, is further
25 amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

26 (1) On new registrations of automobiles, trucks and truck tractors, the excise tax
27 payment must be made prior to registration and is for ~~a one-year~~ the period from
28 the date of registration under Title 29-A, section 405.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill allows a person registering an automobile, pickup truck or sport utility vehicle
31 to choose a 2-year registration for a fee in an amount 2% more than the fee for a one-year
32 registration or \$20, whichever is less. The excise tax for the entire 2-year period is due at
33 the time of registration.