

STATE OF MAINE

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TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

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H.P. 262 - L.D. 429

**An Act to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Motor Vehicle Laws and
Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1603, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

9. Return license, certificates and plates. A person whose license or registration has been suspended shall immediately return every license, registration certificate and registration plate issued to that person to the Secretary of State. A person commits a ~~Class E-crime~~ traffic infraction if that person, after notice of suspension, fails or refuses to return every license, registration certificate and registration plate.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1859, as amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §104 and affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is further amended to read:

§1859. Removal of vehicle

Removal of a vehicle described in section 1851 or of any part or accessory from the vehicle without the written consent of the person in charge or the owner of the premises or property where the vehicle is located is a ~~Class E-crime~~ traffic infraction. This section applies to all persons, including the owner of the vehicle.

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2069, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 159, §4, is amended to read:

B. The issuance of a summons for a traffic infraction as described in section 351, section 2104 or section 2412-A, subsection 8;

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.