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An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Motorcycle Registration Expiration Dates

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §405, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 167, §1 and affected by §7, is further amended to read:

1. Automobile, truck, truck tractor, motor home, motorcycle, moped, semitrailers not exceeding a gross vehicle weight of 2,000 pounds, special mobile equipment, tractor and camp trailer registration. Registration for an automobile, truck, truck tractor, motor home, motorcycle, moped, semitrailer not exceeding a gross vehicle weight of 2,000 pounds, special mobile equipment, tractor and camp trailer is as follows.

A. A registration expires on the last day of the month one year from the month of issuance.

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

C. A person who has a fleet of 5 or more motor vehicles may petition the Secretary of State for a common expiration date of all vehicle registrations.

Sec. 2. PL 2011, c. 167, §6 is repealed.

Sec. 6. Registration transition. Motorcycle registrations issued after the effective date of this Act expire on March 31, 2012. Registration fees required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 515, subsection 1 and payment of excise tax under Title 36, section 1482 must be prorated accordingly.

A motorcycle registration that is renewed on or after March 1, 2012 has a registration period from April 1st to March 31st of the next calendar year. No portion of the fee is refundable, but, beginning March 1, 2012, credit toward the registration fee and excise tax must be given and registration fees required by Title 29-A, section 515, subsection 1 and payment of excise tax under Title 36, section 1482 must be prorated accordingly.

SUMMARY

This bill changes the registration period for motorcycles from a fixed registration period of April 1st to March 31st to a registration period that runs until the last day of the month one year from the month of issuance of the registration, thus returning the registration period for motorcycles to what it was prior to the enactment of Public Law 2011, chapter 167.