

TESTIMONY OF
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ON
LD 645 “Resolve, To Create an
Electronic Titling Work Group”



Good afternoon, Senator Diamond, Representative Martin, and members of the Transportation Committee. My name is Tim Doyle and I am the Vice President of Maine Motor Transport Association. The Association is comprised of almost 1,600-member companies, whose employees comprise a large portion of the 33,000 people who make their living in the trucking industry in Maine.

I am here today to testify in favor of LD 645.

MMTA strongly supports the creation of a work group to study electronic titling. The concept of electronic titling in Maine has been discussed for years. The current pandemic has served to highlight many of the reasons that its time is long overdue. The ability for dealerships and registration agents to generate a single title document for transmission via an electronic system will create efficiency and add to accuracy in the title process, by reducing delays and eliminating possible errors caused by repetitive typing.

MMTA, through our subsidiary MMTA Services, is a trailer registration agent for Maine BMV. We currently submit thousands of title applications by mail to BMV, by first typing the applications on a typewriter. We are then reliant upon the US Postal Service to deliver the mail and payment to BMV employees who must receive, open, and process the application and fees. The entire process takes 12 to 14 weeks (unless a “rush title is requested and paid for) before the ultimate title reaches the registered owner or lien holder. The delays, as you can imagine, increased dramatically because of issues related to the pandemic.

Electronic titling would speed the process, create efficiencies and serve Maine’s businesses and citizens well, which is why we urge you to vote ought to pass on this Resolve. Should the Committee or Secretary of State find it beneficial, MMTA would be more than happy to serve on the work group.

Thank you and I would be pleased to answer questions and be available for work session.