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Testimony of Senator Brad Farrin
Presenting L.D. 1104, An Act To Increase the Time for Which a Temporary Motor Vehicle
Registration Plate Is Valid
Before the Committee on Transportation
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Senator Diamond, Representative Martin and members of the Transportation Committee: I am Senator Brad Farrin and I have the privilege of representing most of Somerset County and one town in Kennebec County. I am pleased to present to this committee L.D. 1104, An Act to Increase the Time for Which a Temporary Motor Vehicle Registration Plate Is Valid.

Under current law, a vehicle purchaser may operate a vehicle or trailer on a temporary registration plate for a period of 14 days. After hearing from auto dealers in my district that expressed concerns with the current titling system timeline, I decided to submit the legislation before you which extends the time a temporary plate is valid to 30 days. While I believe the passage of this legislation will be helpful to auto dealers, I also do not believe this will negatively impact municipalities since they will still receive their money. In fact, I think this legislation will be particularly beneficial to vehicle purchasers that reside in rural parts of the state whose town office may have alternative business hours.

I thank you for your consideration of L.D. 1104 and I am happy to answer any questions at this time.