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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Support of

LD 1104- *An Act To Increase the Time for Which a Temporary Motor Vehicle Registration Plate Is Valid*

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Senator Diamond, Representative Martin and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, my name is Rebecca Graham, and I am providing testimony in support of LD 1104, on behalf of MMA at the direction of our 70-member Legislative Policy Committee.

Municipal officials believe that as drafted LD 1104 will provide a more adequate length of time for an individual to navigate the multi-step process involved with registering a vehicle for the first time.

Many communities have only part-time operation to reduce the cost of municipal administration as much as possible on for the residents and property taxpayers. These limited hours are often an enormous hurdle for first time registrants. Additionally, if they would like a specialized plate, they must also visit a Bureau of Motor Vehicle office in their area to complete the registration.

Officials believe that this proposed legislation will provide a more achievable registration timeline for individuals who have limited work schedule flexibility, part-time municipal office availability and a multi-step process to comply with registration law.

To that end, municipal officials request that you vote ought to pass on LD 1104 and provide a much longer period to achieve the voluntary compliance for vehicle registration that benefits communities and registrants.