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Testifying neither for nor against L.D. 1104

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

Senator Diamond, Representative Martin, Members of the Transportation Committee, my name is David Guilmette and I am the Director of the Division of Enforcement, Anti-Theft and Regulations for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. I am representing the bureau today speaking neither for nor against L.D. 1104 "An Act to Increase the Time for Which a Temporary Motor Vehicle Registration Plate Is Valid".

The Bureau feels that L.D. 1104 will have no negative impact on the operations of the Dealer Licensing section. One of the bureau's many responsibilities of dealer licensing is to take the request and payment for temporary plates from the dealer, fill the order and ship it to the dealer.

We also feel that extending the temporary plate from 14 days to 30 days will have no negative impact on the consumer. In fact, for some consumers, this bill may provide needed time to prepare for registering their newly purchased vehicle.

The dealer pays one dollar (\$1.00) for a temporary plate and in most cases this cost is passed on to the consumer at the time of the sale. The cost of the temporary plate would remain the same, the dealer would just increase the expiration date written on the plate.

I'd be more than happy to answer any question that the committee may have either today or at the work session.

Thank you.

