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### An Act Pertaining to Vehicle Registrations

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.  
Cosponsored by Senator THOMAS of Somerset.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §405, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 577, §9, is further  
3 amended to read:

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

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

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

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

## 17 **SUMMARY**

18 Under current law, when an application for registration of a motor vehicle is made  
19 after the registration for the previous year has expired, the term of renewal begins on the  
20 month of issuance of the previous registration. Trailers may only be registered for a  
21 registration period of March 1st to the end of February. This bill provides that, when an  
22 application for registration of a vehicle, including trailers, is made after the registration  
23 has expired, the term of the renewal begins on the month of the issuance of the renewal.