

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN

S.P. 72 - L.D. 221

An Act To Make Changes to the Motorcycle Inspection Sticker Requirements

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

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

1. Automobile, truck, truck tractor, motor home, moped, semitrailers not exceeding a gross vehicle weight of 2,000 pounds, special mobile equipment, tractor and camp trailer registration. Registration for an automobile, truck, truck tractor, motor home, ~~motoreyele~~, moped, semitrailer not exceeding a gross vehicle weight of 2,000 pounds, special mobile equipment, tractor and camp trailer is as follows.

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

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

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

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1758, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 624, §2 and affected by §4, is amended to read:

3. Motorcycles; proof of inspection. If a motorcycle meets the inspection standard, upon payment of applicable inspection fees pursuant to section 1751, subsection 3-A a valid certificate of inspection and an official inspection sticker for the motorcycle must be issued. The certificate of inspection must be kept with the registration certificate of the motorcycle and the official inspection sticker must be affixed to the rear of the motorcycle: on the registration plate.

~~A. On a mounting plate that must be securely fastened to the motorcycle frame or similar integral component of the motorcycle; or~~

~~B. On a rear fender or similar frame or integral body part of the motorcycle.~~

The official inspection sticker must be located so that it is completely and clearly visible from the rear of the motorcycle ~~and may not be affixed to the registration plate.~~ If the registration plate is reassigned to another motorcycle pursuant to section 463, subsection 4, the certificate of inspection and the official inspection sticker expire upon reassignment.

Sec. 3. PL 2009, c. 624, §4 is amended to read:

Sec. 4. Effective date. Those sections of this Act that amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1758 take effect ~~January~~ March 1, 2012.

Sec. 4. Motorcycle registration plates; registration sticker; direction to the Secretary of State. Before March 1, 2012, the Secretary of State shall design and issue one registration sticker for motorcycle registration plates to be used in lieu of issuing new motorcycle registration plates each calendar year as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 451, subsection 3. This registration sticker must clearly indicate both the year and month of registration expiration.

Sec. 5. Proof of inspection. Before March 1, 2013, if a motorcycle meets the inspection standard under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1751, either a valid certificate of inspection or an official inspection sticker for the motorcycle is acceptable proof of inspection for purposes of Title 29-A, section 1758, subsection 3.

Sec. 6. Registration transition. Motorcycle registrations issued after the effective date of this Act expire on March 31, 2012. Registration fees required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 515, subsection 1 and payment of excise tax under Title 36, section 1482 must be prorated accordingly.

A motorcycle registration that is renewed on or after March 1, 2012 has a registration period from April 1st to March 31st of the next calendar year. No portion of the fee is refundable, but, beginning March 1, 2012, credit toward the registration fee and excise tax must be given and registration fees required by Title 29-A, section 515, subsection 1 and payment of excise tax under Title 36, section 1482 must be prorated accordingly.

Sec. 7. Effective date. Those sections of this Act that amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 405, subsection 1 and section 1758, subsection 3 take effect March 1, 2012.

In House of Representatives, 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... Speaker

In Senate, 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... President

Approved 2011

..... Governor