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To: All Law Enforcement Personnel

Re: TEMPORARY REGISTRATIONS

Due to the national and state declarations of emergency, certain necessary services have been disrupted and may have become unavailable. In light of the vast number of municipalities currently closed along with Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicle Branches and Main office, ***On March 23, 2020 the Governor authorized the temporary stay of the requirement to register a vehicle after the transfer of ownership or title. This will be in effect for the duration of the emergency.*** If a person can register normally through their municipality or Bureau of Motor Vehicle Office before the end of the emergency, then they should do so immediately.

In the event a person or company purchasing a motor vehicle or trailer in a “private sale” which does not include a temporary registration plate, and subsequently cannot register that vehicle due to the existing emergency, this document may serve as a temporary registration.

The Secretary of State asks that all law enforcement recognize this document as an official temporary registration which will remain in effect, at most, for the duration of the emergency as declared by the Governor on March 18, 2020.



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