May 27, 2020

To: All Law Enforcement Personnel

Re: UPDATE: Temporary Registrations

On May 26, 2020, the Governor signed Executive Order #53-A amending and superseding Executive Order #53, mandating that vehicles required to be registered in this State after purchase or transfer of ownership, or for which a registration expires or has expired, be registered in accordance with deadlines established by the registering municipality. In short, if a person can register normally through their municipality or Bureau of Motor Vehicle Office they must do so immediately.

But, 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 by virtue of their municipality being unable to perform that function, this document may serve as a temporary registration until such time that the municipality is open to perform that work.

The Secretary of State asks that all law enforcement recognize this document as an official temporary registration which will remain in effect, at most, until the vehicle owner’s municipality or BMV is open to complete registrations.

Stephen P. Ashcroft
Director of Vehicle Services
Bureau of Motor Vehicles
29 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0029
stephen.ashcroft@maine.gov