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Amend the resolve by inserting before section 1 the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, it is important to provide immediate relief to small business owners and automobile dealers in light of recent economic conditions through a moratorium on dealer plate reductions and dealer license denials for failure to sell the required number of motor vehicles as provided in statute; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it'

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the first line (page 1, line 1 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "**reduction**" the following: '**and dealer license denial**'

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "reduced" the following: 'and a motor vehicle dealer may not be denied renewal of that dealer's license'

Amend the resolve by adding before the summary the following:

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

SUMMARY

This amendment places a moratorium from February 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010 on denial of a renewal of a dealer's license solely because the dealer failed to meet minimum sales requirements.

The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the resolve.