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**MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION**

*Lodged au Greff 17th February 1981 by  
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**STATES OF JERSEY**

### Explanatory Note

There are several matters arising from the operation of the Motor Tax Section of the States' Treasury which I believe should be examined and this is the reason for my Proposition.

Paragraph (a) of the Proposition would, in my view, not only make it possible for registration numbers to be transferred from one second-hand vehicle to another but would also provide another source of revenue. It would be up to the Finance and Economics Committee to set the fee at a worthwhile level, perhaps £50 would be appropriate. There have been cases of a second-hand car being allocated several new numbers in a short space of time.

If paragraph (b) were adopted, I believe that money would be saved by obviating the need to employ extra staff for the collection of Motor Tax and the public would not be inconvenienced as is the case under the present arrangements because of the movement of the Motor Tax Section between two sets of premises.

In so far as paragraph (c) is concerned, I am aware that there are cases where the owner of a vehicle which is not taxed and which cannot be used on the road retains the registration number, for many years in some instances. In my opinion registration numbers should be used for vehicles which are in circulation, and it would be reasonable therefore to require that, after one year has elapsed, vehicles should either be taxed or the numbers re-allocated to other vehicles which are in use.

In my opinion it is grossly unfair that there is no refund of tax in respect of vehicles exported from the Island, whereas a refund is obtainable if one breaks up a vehicle for spares within the Island (See paragraph (d)). I do not, however, suggest that tax should be refunded in relation to the export of hire cars.

**PROPOSITION**

**THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion—**

- (a)* to agree that, on payment of a fee in an amount to be determined by the Finance and Economics Committee, it should be permissible for motor vehicle registration numbers to be transferred from one second-hand vehicle to another and not only to new and imported vehicles;
- (b)* to agree that motor vehicles should be taxed with effect from the date of registration and the annual duty payable at intervals of 12 months after that date;
- (c)* to agree that it should not be permissible for registration numbers to be retained by the owners of untaxed vehicles;
- (d)* to agree that the appropriate proportion of the motor vehicle tax should be repayable when a vehicle is exported as is already the case when vehicles are broken up for spares in Jersey;
- (e)* to charge the Finance and Economics Committee to prepare such legislation as may be required to give effect to *(a)*, *(b)*, *(c)* and *(d)* of the foregoing.