Toll Violation Enforcement Reciprocity

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Agency Structures

• Maine Secretary of State (SOS) - Constitutional office with oversight of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Maine State Archives and the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions

• Maine Toll Authority (MTA) – Quasi state government agency with legislative oversight
Program Evolution

- Maine registration suspension with court order – 1995
- Registration suspension by BMV based on MTA notification – 2004 – with implementation in 2006
- Expand registration suspension process to include away agencies (New Hampshire & Massachusetts) - 2011
HOW IT CAN WORK

• Legislative Support
• Work with all partners and rules
• Start small with a pilot phase
• Single point of contact
• Same collection/penalty philosophy
HOW IT DOES WORK

- MTA with statutory authority enters into reciprocity agreement with away agencies
- SOS enters into a Memorandum of Agreement with MTA
- MTA is the single point of contact with away agencies
- MTA receives data and image information from away agencies
- MTA compiles and electronically transmits suspension and compliance information
- SOS generates 10 day suspension notice
- If compliance is not received from MTA – suspension action taken
ROADBLOCKS

• Local rules (for MTA)
  • A reciprocal state requiring a certain number of violations before submission
• Limits on amounts of fee collected (for MTA)
• Suspension vs. withholding of privileges (for MTA)
  • To date – 60% of MA and 75% of NH suspension requests have been resolved vs. 42% of Maine’s request to MA and 25% to NH (they are hold states) so less urgency to comply
ROADBLOCKS – continued

• Resources – staffing/funding/IT (SOS)
• System limitations (SOS)
• Municipalities processing registrations (SOS)
• Real time reconciliation process (both)
BENEFITS

• MTA’s due diligence allows BMV to complete statutory driven process
• Additional revenue 😊
THANK YOU

QUESTIONS?