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STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
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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 enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1483, sub-§12, as amended by PL 2025, c. 152, §2, is further amended to read:

12. Certain Automobiles owned by certain veterans. Automobiles owned by veterans who are granted free registration of those vehicles by the Secretary of State under Title 29-A, section 523, subsection 1 or 2 or who are disabled by injury or disease incurred or aggravated during active military service in the line of duty and are receiving any form of pension or compensation from the United States Government for total, service-connected disability. A maximum of 3 automobiles owned by a veteran are exempt from the excise tax. In order for an automobile to qualify for an exemption from the excise tax under this subsection, the name of the qualifying veteran must appear on the automobile's certificate of title. If there are multiple owners of an automobile, at least one of the owners whose name appears on the certificate of title must meet the requirements of this subsection in order for the automobile to qualify for the exemption;

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §1483, sub-§12-A is enacted to read:

12-A. Automobiles leased by certain veterans. Automobiles leased by veterans who are disabled by injury or disease incurred or aggravated during active military service in the line of duty and are receiving any form of pension or compensation from the United States Government for total, service-connected disability. A maximum of 3 automobiles leased by a veteran are exempt from the excise tax. In order for an automobile to qualify for an exemption from the excise tax under this subsection, the name of the qualifying veteran must appear on the automobile's lease agreement. If there are multiple lessees of an automobile, at least one of the lessees whose name appears on the automobile's lease agreement must meet the requirements of this subsection in order for the automobile to qualify for the exemption.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect July 1, 2026.

Effective July 1, 2026.

CHAPTER 579

S.P. 847 - L.D. 2061

An Act to Clarify the Prohibition on Paper Billing Statement Fees

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

Whereas, the current law regarding electronic records of transactions, as amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 35, prohibits a customer from being penalized or charged a fee for opting out of receiving a billing statement by electronic record rather than in paper form; and

Whereas, this legislation clarifies that law and allows a customer to be charged a reasonable fee for providing a replacement statement, a statement covering a custom date range or a statement requested for financial or legal purposes or for fulfilling any other labor-intensive or nonroutine request to provide copies of statements, as long as the fee is fully disclosed to and authorized by the customer prior to the copies of statements being provided; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect immediately for the protection of customers; 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 enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9420, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 226, §1, is amended by enacting a new first blocked paragraph to read:

For purposes of this subsection, "billing statement" means a monthly or periodic account statement that a person is required to provide to a customer under federal or state law, regulation or rule. This subsection does not prohibit a person from charging a reasonable fee for providing a replacement statement, a statement covering a custom date range or a statement requested for financial or legal purposes or for fulfilling any other labor-intensive or nonroutine request to provide copies of statements, as long as the fee is fully disclosed to and authorized by the customer prior to the copies being provided.

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

Effective March 19, 2026.