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~~COMMITTEE AMENDMENT~~ "A" to H.P. 2078, L.D. 2241, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Increase the Excise Tax on Motor Vehicles According  
to Their Consumption of Gasoline."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the  
enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1482, sub-§1, ¶C, sub-¶ (4) is enacted  
to read:

(4) Tax surcharge. In addition to the initial  
excise tax imposed by this paragraph, there shall  
be levied a once only excise tax surcharge in the  
following amounts according to the gasoline  
consumption of each automobile with a seating  
capacity of not more than 8 persons.

<u>Miles per gallon</u>	<u>Automobile Model Year</u>			<u>1980</u>
	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	
<u>20 and over</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
<u>19</u>	_____	_____	_____	<u>\$100</u>
<u>18</u>	_____	_____	<u>\$100</u>	<u>200</u>
<u>17</u>	_____	<u>\$100</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>300</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>400</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>500</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>600</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>700</u>
<u>Under 13</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>800</u>

Miles per gallon for each model type shall be the final economy figure established for each model type of the Environmental Protection Agency in compliance with Section 503 of P.L. 94-163, the 1976 Energy Policy and Conservation Act. This tax surcharge will be imposed on all automobiles manufactured in model year 1977 and thereafter. For the purposes of this section, the term "automobile" shall not include motorized homes, pick-up trucks or other motor trucks.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §1487, sub-§1, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1967, c. 23, is further amended to read:

1. Municipal tax collector. In the case of municipalities or a municipally owned airport or seaplane base the municipal tax collector or such other person as the municipality may designate shall collect such excise tax or excise tax surcharge and shall deposit the money received with the municipal treasurer monthly.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §1489, sub-§1, is amended to read:

1. Municipal excise tax account. In municipalities the treasurer shall credit money received from excise taxes or excise tax surcharges to an excise tax account, from which it may be appropriated by the municipality for any purpose for which a municipality may appropriate money.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment accomplishes the following:

1. Insures that the surcharge is a once only levy;
2. Insures that trucks and mobile homes will not be assessed the surcharge;
3. Insures that the surcharge revenues will remain at the municipal level;
4. Decreases the size of the surcharge at different miles per gallon (thus reducing anticipated revenues from approximately \$2,850,000 to approximately \$1,700,000); and
5. Clarifies that the car is assessed the surcharge according to its model year not according to the year it is first registered.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Energy.

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