

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1107

H. P. 908

House of Representatives, March 17, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Energy. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Howe of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide Tax Incentives for Energy Efficient Automobiles.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

36 MRSA § 1766 is enacted to read:

§ 1766. Reduction in sales tax; certain motor vehicles

The tax imposed on passenger motor vehicles by chapters 211 to 225 shall be diminished by 50% on the sales of those vehicles which attain 25 miles per gallon or greater as calculated pursuant to this section. The State Tax Assessor shall promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this section. These regulations shall provide that manufacturers of passenger motor vehicles for sale within this State shall certify the number of miles per gallon attained by each vehicle sold in the State according to test standards for rural driving then in use by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or any other standard which is established as the state standard by regulation of the State Tax Assessor.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Recent fuel shortages have made it necessary for the State to actively encourage the sale and use of energy conserving motor vehicles within the State. This bill would provide a 50% reduction in the sales tax for vehicles rated at 25 miles per gallon or greater.