

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 888

H. P. 715

House of Representatives, March 1, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Baker of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Provide for a Tax Credit for the Gas Tax Relating to Taxicabs.

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

36 MRSA § 5202-B is enacted to read:

§ 5202-B. Credit toward gasoline tax

A taxable corporation which engages in the business of operating one or more taxicabs or taxis within the State shall be allowed a credit against the tax otherwise due under this Part for the taxable year for the amount actually paid by that corporation in gasoline tax under the provisions of chapter 451.

The credit allowed under this section shall not exceed \$300 per taxi owned and operated by that corporation and shall apply only to taxis which have been registered under the ownership of that corporation and have been operated as taxis by that corporation for no less than 12 months prior to the end of the taxable year for which the credit is claimed.

Each corporation claiming a credit under this section shall furnish to the assessor copies of receipts for gasoline purchased during the taxable year for each taxi for which a credit is claimed.

In no case shall this credit reduce the Maine income tax to less than zero.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide a credit on the corporate income tax for corporations operating taxis for gasoline tax paid. The tax will be limited to \$300 per taxi.

The credit provided by this bill will help to counteract the high cost of gasoline and will stimulate the use of secondary means of public transportation. The credit will also help to keep taxi fares down and will act as an incentive to keep fares low as the cost of gasoline rises.