

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1125

H. P. 907

House of Representatives, March 9, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro, referred to the Committee on Taxation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Doukas of Portland.

Cosponsors: Mr. Barry of Fort Kent, Mr. Howe of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Provide for a 15% Excise Tax Exemption for any Motor Vehicle Manufactured in 1979 or Later which Achieves 25 Miles Per Gallon or Greater Gas Economy.

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

36 MRSA § 1483, sub-§ 15, is enacted to read:

15. **Motor vehicles with mileage rating of 25 miles per gallon or better. To the extent of 15% of the excise tax otherwise due under this chapter, any motor vehicle of a model type manufactured in 1979 or later with a miles per gallon rating of 25 miles per gallon or greater. Miles per gallon for each model type is the final combined city-highway economy figure established for each model type by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in compliance with the United States Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1974, Public Law 94-163, section 503.**

The State shall annually reimburse each municipality the full amount of any municipal revenue lost to the municipality because of this subsection during the calendar year previous to the reimbursement.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides for an excise tax exemption of 15% of the excise tax for any motor vehicle of a model type manufactured in 1979 or later which has a combined EPA city-highway rating of 25 miles per gallon or greater, based on the current EPA method for determining miles per gallon.

Municipalities shall be fully reimbursed for any financial loss caused by enactment of this bill.

This bill provides a significant incentive for the purchase of cars which operate economically, and thus establishes an important energy conservation measure.