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EMERGENCY
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 735

H. P. 645

House of Representatives, February 9, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Twitchell of Norway.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Remove the Exemption for Motor Vehicle Fuel from the State Sales Tax Law.

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

Whereas, because of the increasing scarcity of fossil fuel stringent conservation measures are required to reduce the demand for fossil fuel product; and

Whereas, the need to reduce the demand for gasoline is critical; and

Whereas, removing the current state sales tax exemption for motor fuel will dramatically lower the demand and serve as an important conservation technique; 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:

36 MRSA § 1760, sub-§ 8, as amended by PL 1977, c. 572, § 1, is repealed.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the preamble.