

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 335,

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L.D. 980, Bill, "AN ACT to Authorize the Commis-

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sioner of Transportation in Maine to Enter into

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Interstate Agreements Related to Reciprocal Enforce-

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ment of Fuel Use Laws."

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Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 4

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and 5 and inserting in their place the following:

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'Sec. 4. 23 MRSA §4206, sub-§1, ¶M is enacted to

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read:

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M. Acting upon the advice of the State Tax

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Assessor, to negotiate a compact with other

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states, the District of Columbia and Canadian

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provinces for the administration of user license

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fees on condition that the compact provides for:

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(1) The collection of the annual user li-

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cence fee for any other state or province by

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the state or province in which the motor

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truck is registered;

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(2) The disbursement of revenues due to

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other states or provinces subject to the

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compact;

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(3) The free exchange of information

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between and among the states or provinces

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subject to the compact; and

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(4) The establishment of identification

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tags or decals.

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The compact shall provide for reciprocal enforce-

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ment of the laws establishing the annual user li-

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 335, L.D. 980

1 cense fees and for the auditing of all books,  
2 records and logs of the operator of a motor truck  
3 by the state or province in which the motor truck  
4 is registered, which pertains to travel in it and  
5 any other state or province subject to the com-  
6 pact.

7 Sec. 5. 36 MRSA §3040 is enacted to read:

8 §3040. Fuel use tax; compact

9 The Commissioner of Transportation, acting upon  
10 the advice of the State Tax Assessor, may enter into  
11 agreements with other states, the District of Colum-  
12 bia and Canadian provinces, with the approval of the  
13 Governor of Maine and the Maine Legislature, provid-  
14 ing for the reciprocal enforcement of the fuel use  
15 tax laws imposed by the states or provinces entering  
16 into such an agreement, and empowering the duly  
17 authorized officer of any contracting state or prov-  
18 ince, which extends like authority to officers or  
19 employees of this State, to sue for the collection of  
20 the state's or province's fuel use taxes in the  
21 courts of this State.

22 STATEMENT OF FACT

23 This amendment authorizes the Commissioner of  
24 Transportation to negotiate agreements with other  
25 states or Canadian provinces to establish fuel use  
26 fees, similar enforcement policies, collection and  
27 disbursement of user fees for any other state or  
28 province by the state or province in which the truck  
29 is registered. This legislative proposal reflects  
30 the concern of legislative leaders in New England who  
31 recognize the need to rationalize trucking fee sys-  
32 tems and to prevent retaliatory behavior in the  
33 imposition of user taxes. The New England State  
34 Interstate Trucking Fee Compact is an agreement that  
35 is currently being considered for adoption, and the  
36 Vermont and New Hampshire legislatures have intro-

