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1 (EMERGENCY)
2 (After Deadline)

3 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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5 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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7 Legislative Document

No. 1272

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9 H.P. 974

House of Representatives, March 21, 1983

10 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
11 pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Ketover of Portland.

13 Cosponsors: Representative Moholland of Princeton, Represent-
ative Theriault of Fort Kent and Senator Diamond of Cumberland.

14 STATE OF MAINE
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
18

19 AN ACT to Apply Mirror Reciprocity
20 Against Jurisdictions that Assess 3rd
21 Structure Motor Vehicle Taxes.
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23 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
24 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
25 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

26 Whereas, several states assess 3rd structure
27 taxes against Maine-based vehicles while these taxes
28 are not assessed against vehicles registered in those
29 states by the State; and

30 Whereas, this situation places an unfair burden
31 on Maine-based vehicles making their costs of opera-
32 tion higher; and

33 Whereas, this burden on Maine truckers must be
34 removed as soon as possible; and

1 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
2 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
3 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
4 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
5 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
6 therefore,

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

9 29 MRSA §2243, as repealed and replaced by PL
10 1979, c. 210, is amended by adding at the end a new
11 paragraph to read:

12 Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law,
13 the Secretary of State, with the advice and assis-
14 tance of the Commissioner of Finance and Administra-
15 tion and Commissioner of Transportation, may levy and
16 enforce like or similar taxes or fees against similar
17 vehicles registered in jurisdictions that levy and
18 enforce taxes or fees other than fuel taxes, fuel tax
19 license fees and public utility fees against vehicles
20 registered in the State.

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

24 STATEMENT OF FACT

25 The purpose of this bill is to authorize the
26 Secretary of State to assess 3rd structure motor
27 vehicle taxes and fees against vehicles registered in
28 states that assess 3rd structure taxes against
29 Maine-based vehicles.

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