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Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MAHANY of Easton. Cosponsored by Representative LISNIK of Presque Isle and Senator PEARSON of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Relating to Taxation of Trucks.

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

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36 MRSA §1760, sub-§41, as amended by PL 1987, c. 497, §38, is further amended to read:

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41 Certain instrumentalities of interstate or foreign 7 commerce. The sale or lease of a vehicle, or the sale of railroad rolling stock, aircraft or watercraft which is placed in 9 use by the purchaser or lessee as an instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce within 30 days after that sale or 11 lease and which is used by the purchaser or lessee not less than 80% of the time for the next 2 years as an instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce. The State Tax Assessor may for 13 good cause extend for not more than 60 days the time for placing the instrumentality in use in interstate or foreign commerce. For 15 purposes of this subsection, property is "placed in use as an 17 instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce" by its carrying of, or providing the motive power for the carrying of, a 19 bona fide payload in interstate or foreign commerce, or by being dispatched to a specific location at which it will be loaded upon arrival with, or will be used as motive power for the carrying 21 of, a payload in interstate or foreign commerce. For purposes of 23 this subsection, "bona fide payload" means a cargo of persons or property transported by a contract or common carrier for compensation which exceeds the direct cost of carrying that cargo 25 or pursuant to a legal obligation to provide service as a public utility or a cargo of property transported in the reasonable 27 conduct of the purchaser's own nontransportation business in 29 interstate commerce.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will broaden the current tax benefit given to 35 purchased vehicles used in interstate commerce to leased vehicles.