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S.P. 14

In Senate, January 9, 1997

An Act to Clarify Tax-exempt Status of Rental Inventory.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAREY of Kennebec.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §655, as amended by PL 1995, c. 476, §1 and affected by §2, is further amended to read:

§655. Personal property

The following personal property is exempt from taxation:

1. Personal property. Personal property, which includes:

A. Industrial inventories including raw materials, goods in process and finished work on hand;

B. Stock in trade, including inventory held solely for resale by a distributor, wholesaler, retail merchant or service establishment;

C. Agricultural produce and forest products, including logs, pulpwood, woodchips and lumber;

D. Livestock, including farm animals, ~~neat,~~ cattle and fowl;

E. The household furniture, including television sets and musical instruments of each person in any one household, ~~and his,~~ each person's wearing apparel, farming utensils and mechanical tools necessary for his the owner's business;

F. All radium used in the practice of medicine;

G. Property in the possession of a common carrier while in interstate transportation or held en route awaiting further transportation to the destination named in a through bill of lading;

~~H. Vessels built, in the process of construction, or undergoing repairs, which are within the State on the first day of each April and are owned by persons residing out of the State. "Vessels" as used in this paragraph shall not be construed to include pleasure vessels and boats;~~

H-1. Watercraft as defined by section 1503, subsection 10;

~~I. Pleasure vessels and boats in the State on the first day of each April whose owners reside out of the State, and which are left in this State by the owners for the purpose of repair or storage, except those regularly kept in the State during the preceding year;~~

- 2 J. Personal property in another state or country and
legally taxed there;
- 4 K. Vehicles exempt from excise tax in accordance with
section 1483;
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- 8 L. Registered snowmobiles as defined in Title 12, section
7821, subsection 5-i
- 10 M. All farm machinery used exclusively in production of hay
and field crops to the aggregate actual market value not
12 exceeding \$10,000, excluding ~~motor-vehicles--Motor--vehiele~~
shall-mean any self-propelled vehicle;
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- 16 N. Water pollution control facilities and air pollution
control facilities as defined in section 656, subsection 1,
paragraph E-i
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- 20 O. All beehives;
- 22 P. All items of individually owned personal property except:
- 24 (1) Items used for industrial or commercial purposes;
and
- 26 (2) Vehicles and camp trailers as defined in section
28 1481 not subject to an excise tax-i and
- 30 S. Mining property as provided in section 2854.

SUMMARY

34 The bill clarifies the tax-exempt status of rental inventory
36 in response to a decision of the Maine Supreme Court.