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Reported by: Senator Cathcart

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 110, L.D. 389, Bill, "An Act to Exclude from the Definition of "Employment" Services Provided by Lessees of Taxicabs"

Amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of subparagraph (40) and inserting in its place the following:

'(40) Services performed by lessees of taxicabs, as long as that employment is not subject to federal unemployment tax. This subparagraph may not be construed to affect a determination regarding a lessee's status as an independent contractor for workers' compensation purposes.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**·FISCAL NOTE**

Exempting lessees of taxicabs from unemployment compensation requirements will result in insignificant and offsetting decreases in revenues and expenditures from the Unemployment Compensation Fund administered by the Department of Labor.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies the original bill by specifying that lessees of taxicabs are excluded from the definition of employment for unemployment compensation purposes only if their employment is not subject to federal unemployment tax. It also clarifies that an exemption from unemployment compensation has no

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2 bearing on the question of whether a taxicab lessee is an independent contractor for workers' compensation purposes. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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