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No. 1680

H.P. 1169

House of Representatives, March 4, 1999

An Act to Require the Equitable Taxation of Motor Vehicles.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MACK of Standish.
Cosponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford and
Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, KNEELAND of Easton,
McKENNEY of Cumberland, PLOWMAN of Hampden, Senators: DOUGLASS of
Androscoggin, KIEFFER of Aroostook, PARADIS of Aroostook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §406, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683,
Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

6 A vehicle registration expires on the transfer of ownership
8 except for a transfer to a surviving spouse or to a person whose
name currently appears on the certificate of registration.

10 **SUMMARY**

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14 Currently, if a motor vehicle registration certificate
16 contains the names of more than one person and the vehicle is
18 transferred to one of the people named on the certificate, it is
considered a new registration and the person is required to pay a
new registration fee and sales tax unless the transfer is to a
surviving spouse or due to marriage or a court order.

20 This bill allows the transfer to a person whose name appears
22 on the registration certificate without it being considered a new
registration, thus exempting the person from having to pay sales
tax.