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120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2002

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No. 1896

S.P. 694

In Senate, December 17, 2001

**An Act to Simplify the Process by Which a Financial Institution
Transfers Motor Vehicle Title to a Lessee.**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Transportation and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela L. Cahill".

PAMELA L. CAHILL
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: CARPENTER of York, DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives:
CLOUGH of Scarborough, DUNLAP of Old Town, McDONOUGH of Portland, NORBERT
of Portland, WESTON of Montville.

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

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Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §951, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1999, c. 631,
§1, is further amended to read:

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4. Exemptions. Financial institutions, as defined in Title 9-B, section 131, subsections 17 and 17-A, are exempt from the requirements of this section when selling vehicles repossessed and sold by agents or full-time employees of the institution or when selling a vehicle subject to a lease held by the financial institution to the lessee of that vehicle. Financial institutions that do not use agents or full-time employees to repossess and sell vehicles must use dealers licensed pursuant to this chapter.

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Any public or nonprofit organization that, for the purpose of making vehicles available to low-income persons, accepts donated vehicles and provides them to low-income persons at a cost that is no more than the cost of ensuring that the vehicle is in good operating condition is exempt from the requirements of this section. A public or nonprofit organization that transfers a vehicle under this subsection is subject to the provisions of Title 10, chapter 217 and shall register with the Secretary of State and maintain a certificate of training as required by the Secretary of State.

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SUMMARY

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This bill expands the ability of a financial institution to sell a motor vehicle that it leased to the lessee of the vehicle. The bill also permits financial institutions to use agents rather than employees to accomplish such sales.

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