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An Act To Require That the Excise Tax on Vehicles Be Based on the Purchase Price

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
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Clerk

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1482, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 671, §32, is further amended to read:

6 C. For the privilege of operating a motor vehicle, including a commercial motor vehicle, as defined in Title
8 29-A, section 101, subsection 17, paragraph A, and special
10 mobile equipment, as defined in Title 29-A, section 101,
12 subsection 70, or camper trailer on the public ways, each
14 motor vehicle, other than a stock race car, or each camper
16 trailer to be so operated is subject to excise tax as
18 follows, ~~except as specified in subparagraph (3):~~ a sum
20 equal to 24 mills on each dollar of the ~~maker's list~~
22 purchase price for the first or current year of model, 17
1/2 mills for the 2nd year, 13 1/2 mills for the 3rd year,
10 mills for the 4th year, 6 1/2 mills for the 5th year and
4 mills for the 6th and succeeding years. The minimum tax
is \$5 for a motor vehicle other than a bicycle with motor
attached, \$2.50 for a bicycle with motor attached, \$15 for a
camper trailer other than a tent trailer and \$5 for a tent
trailer. The excise tax on a stock race car is \$5.

24 (1) On new registrations of automobiles, trucks and
26 truck tractors, the excise tax payment must be made
28 prior to registration and is for a one-year period from
the date of registration.

30 (2) Vehicles registered under the International
32 Registration Plan are subject to an excise tax
determined on a monthly proration basis if their
registration period is less than 12 months.

34 ~~(3) For commercial vehicles manufactured in model year~~
36 ~~1996 and after, the amount of excise tax due for trucks~~
38 ~~or truck tractors registered for more than 26,000~~
40 ~~pounds and for Class A special mobile equipment, as~~
42 ~~defined in Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 70, is~~
44 ~~based on the purchase price in the original year of~~
46 ~~title rather than on the list price. Verification of~~
48 ~~purchase price for the application of excise tax is~~
50 ~~determined by the initial bill of sale or the state~~
sales tax document provided at point of purchase. The
initial bill of sale is that issued by the dealer to
the initial purchaser of a new vehicle.

Verification of purchase price for the application of excise
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initial purchaser of a new vehicle.

2 For motor vehicles being registered pursuant to Title 29-A,
3 section 405, subsection 1, paragraph C, the excise tax must
4 be prorated for the number of months in the registration.

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8 SUMMARY

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10 This bill changes the method of computing the excise tax
11 that is levied on motor vehicles and campers registered in the
12 State. Current law requires, with the exception of commercial
13 motor vehicles and special mobile equipment, that the excise tax
14 be based upon the maker's list price for the motor vehicle; the
15 excise tax on commercial motor vehicles and special mobile
16 equipment is based on the purchase price.

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18 This bill requires that the excise tax for all motor
19 vehicles and campers be based upon the purchase price of the
20 vehicle. Either the original bill of sale or the state sales tax
21 document may be used to certify the purchase price. The bill
22 repeals the section of law dealing with the computation of excise
23 taxes on commercial motor vehicles since all motor vehicles would
24 be taxed in the same manner under this bill.

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