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An Act To Make Transportation More Affordable for Low-income Families

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative McGLOCKLIN of Embden.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, DAIGLE of Arundel, DUGAY of Cherryfield, KANE of Saco, MILLS of Cornville, TWOMEY of Biddeford, WALCOTT of Lewiston, Senator: SAVAGE of Knox.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1813, sub-§6.** as amended by PL 2001, c. 529,
5 §1, is further amended to read:

6 **6. Surplus property.** Providing for transfer of supplies,
7 materials and equipment that are surplus from one state
8 department or agency to another that may need them, and for the
9 disposal by private and public sale of supplies, materials and
10 equipment that are obsolete and unusable. Political
11 subdivisions, educational institutions, fire departments or
12 qualifying nonprofit organizations, as defined in section 1813-A,
13 must be given an opportunity to purchase the surplus items
14 through private sale. If 2 or more political subdivisions,
15 educational institutions, fire departments or qualifying
16 nonprofit organizations are interested in any item, the sale must
17 be the result of competitive bid. Any equipment so purchased must
18 be retained for a period of at least one year in a current
19 ongoing program. Any item purchased by a political subdivision,
20 educational institution, fire department or qualifying nonprofit
21 organization under this section may not be sold or transferred by
22 that political subdivision, educational institution, fire
23 department or qualifying nonprofit organization for a period of 6
24 months from the date of the private sale ~~and the~~, except that a
25 qualifying nonprofit organization that contracts with the
26 Department of Human Services to provide vehicles to low-income
27 families may resell a vehicle purchased in the private sale to a
28 low-income family to assist it in participating in work,
29 education or training pursuant to the qualifying nonprofit
30 organization's contract with the Department of Human Services.
31 The State reserves the right to refuse to sell additional
32 equipment to a political subdivision, educational institution,
33 fire department or qualifying nonprofit organization if it is
34 determined that the political subdivision, educational
35 institution, fire department or qualifying nonprofit organization
36 has not retained the equipment for the required period of 5
37 months;

38 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1813-A, sub-§1, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1991, c.
39 418, §3, is amended to read:

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42 C. "Qualifying nonprofit organization" means a public or
43 private nonprofit entity that owns or operates a project or
44 facility for the homeless ~~or~~; a nonprofit organization that
45 has been determined to be exempt from taxation under the
46 United States Internal Revenue Code, Section 501 (c) and
47 that provides services to persons with physical or mental
48 handicaps as defined in section 4553, subsection 7-A; or a
49 nonprofit organization that has been determined to be exempt
50 from taxation under the United States Internal Revenue Code,
Section 501(c) and that contracts with the Department of

2 Human Services to provide vehicles to low-income families to
3 assist them in participating in work, education or training.

4 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §1813-A, sub-§2**, as corrected by RR 2001, c. 2,
5 Pt. A, §7, is amended to read:

6 **2. Surplus property.** Pursuant to this chapter and rules
7 adopted under section 1813, the Department of Administrative and
8 Financial Services through the Bureau of General Services shall
9 allow private sales of surplus property to nonprofit
10 organizations that contract with the Department of Human Services
11 to provide affordable vehicles to low-income families to assist
12 them in participating in work, education or training; to homeless
13 shelter sponsors; and to educational institutions.

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SUMMARY

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19 This bill allows nonprofit organizations that contract with
20 the Department of Human Services to help make transportation
21 available to low-income families who need transportation for
22 work, education or training to participate in the private
23 purchase of surplus state vehicles. The purpose of the bill is
24 to help participating nonprofits make vehicles more affordable
25 for families.

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