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An Act Regarding Golf Carts Used as Island Vehicles

(EMERGENCY)

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 11, 2003. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Presented by Representative MARLEY of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator HATCH of Somerset and Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, COLLINS of Wells, JODREY of Bethel, McKENNEY of Cumberland, SAMPSON of Auburn, USHER of Westbrook. **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, this 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the summer season in the island communities; and

8 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of 10 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 12 safety; now, therefore,

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

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Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §501, sub-§2-A, ¶A, as amended by PL 2001, c. 197, §4, is further amended to read:

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A. Notwithstanding subsection 1, an automobile may be registered for an annual fee of \$4. A low-speed vehicle or golf cart may be registered for an annual fee of \$4. The registrant must show evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482. The municipality may collect an additional \$4 fee annually to defray the cost of removing abandoned vehicles or golf carts. <u>A golf cart, as</u> defined in section 101, subsection 25-A, that is registered under this subsection is exempt from the requirements of section 402.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

36 This bill removes certain island golf carts from the liability insurance requirement imposed by the Maine Revised 38 Statutes, Title 29-A, section 402 because this insurance is not available for golf carts at this time.