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An Act To Decrease the Excise Tax Imposed on Motor Vehicles

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SIROIS of Turner.
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and
Representatives: KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, PATRICK of Rumford, PERCY of Phippsburg,
PIOTTI of Unity.

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

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

4 C. For the privilege of operating a motor vehicle or camper trailer on the public
5 ways, each motor vehicle, other than a stock race car, or each camper trailer to be so
6 operated is subject to excise tax as follows, except as specified in subparagraph (3): a
7 sum equal to ~~24~~ 20 mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the first or current
8 year of model, ~~17 1/2~~ 16 1/2 mills for the 2nd year, 13 1/2 mills for the 3rd year, 10
9 mills for the 4th year, 6 1/2 mills for the 5th year and 4 mills for the 6th and
10 succeeding years. The minimum tax is \$5 for a motor vehicle other than a bicycle
11 with motor attached, \$2.50 for a bicycle with motor attached, \$15 for a camper trailer
12 other than a tent trailer and \$5 for a tent trailer. The excise tax on a stock race car is
13 \$5.

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

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

20 (3) For commercial vehicles manufactured in model year 1996 and after, the
21 amount of excise tax due for trucks or truck tractors registered for more than
22 26,000 pounds and for Class A special mobile equipment, as defined in Title 29-
23 A, section 101, subsection 70, is based on the purchase price in the original year
24 of title rather than on the list price. Verification of purchase price for the
25 application of excise tax is determined by the initial bill of sale or the state sales
26 tax document provided at point of purchase. The initial bill of sale is that issued
27 by the dealer to the initial purchaser of a new vehicle.

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

31 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill decreases the excise tax imposed on motor vehicles for the first year from 24
33 mills to 20 mills and for the 2nd year from 17 1/2 mills to 16 1/2 mills.