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TRANSPORTATION

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**STATE OF MAINE
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123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 270, L.D. 860, Bill, "An Act To Amend Certain Laws Affecting Transportation"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation makes changes to the law that need to take effect before the end of the summer tourist season; and

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

Amend the bill in section 5 by striking out subsection 21-A and inserting the following:

21-A. Drive-away saddlemount vehicle transporter combination. "Drive-away saddlemount vehicle transporter combination" means a vehicle combination designed and specifically used to tow up to 3 trucks or truck tractors, each connected by a saddle to the frame or 5th wheel of the vehicle in front of it. The saddle is a mechanism that connects the front axle of the towed vehicle to the frame or 5th wheel of the vehicle in front of it. The drive-away saddlemount vehicle transporter combination may include one fullmount, which consists of a smaller vehicle mounted completely on the frame of either the first or the last vehicle in the drive-away saddlemount vehicle transporter combination.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following:

Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §954, sub-§5, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

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- 1 B. A transporter plate may not be:
2 (1) Used in lieu of registration plates;
3 (2) Loaned to another;
4 (3) Used for personal reasons; or
5 (4) Used on a towing vehicle, except for a drive-away saddlemount vehicle
6 transporter combination.'

7 Amend the bill by striking out sections 7 and 8.

8 Amend the bill in section 9 in paragraph I in the first line (page 3, line 17 in L.D.) by
9 striking out the following: "with fullmount"

10 Amend the bill by striking out sections 10 and 11.

11 Amend the bill by inserting after section 13 the following:

12 **'Sec. 14. Limitation on certain stormwater fees.** The Department of
13 Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority are not subject to any fee or tax
14 imposed pursuant to a municipal storm water ordinance that was in effect on January 1,
15 2007.

16 **Sec. 15. Contingent effective date.** That section of this Act that repeals Private
17 and Special Law 1937, chapter 18 takes effect only if the New Hampshire General Court
18 repeals the concurrent New Hampshire law relating to the Maine-New Hampshire
19 Interstate Bridge Authority. The Department of Transportation shall notify the Secretary
20 of State when this condition has been met. The Secretary of State shall provide notice to
21 the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Office of
22 the Revisor of Statutes.

23 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
24 legislation takes effect when approved.'

25 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
26 section number to read consecutively.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This amendment makes the following changes to the bill:

29 1. It replaces the provision in the bill creating a definition of "drive-away
30 saddlemount with fullmount vehicle transporter combination" with a definition of "drive-
31 away saddlemount vehicle transporter combination." It also amends the provision of the
32 bill that alters certain requirements for these vehicles to reflect this new defined term. It
33 also adds a provision to allow these vehicles to be issued transporter plates;

34 2. It removes the provisions of the bill that would have repealed certain laws that
35 provide authority for limiting weight, number or speed of vehicles permitted on a bridge;

36 3. It adds a provision that provides that the Department of Transportation and the
37 Maine Turnpike Authority are not subject to any fee or tax imposed pursuant to a

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1 municipal storm water ordinance that was in effect on January 1, 2007. This provision
2 does not apply to ordinances passed after January 1, 2007;

3 4. It provides that the section of the bill that repeals the law creating the Maine-New
4 Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority takes effect only if the New Hampshire General
5 Court repeals the concurrent New Hampshire law relating to the Maine-New Hampshire
6 Interstate Bridge Authority; and

7 5. It adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See Attached)

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Approved: 05/25/07 *MAC*

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A "

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No net fiscal impact - Highway Fund