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House of Representatives, January 14, 2015

**An Act To Reduce Registration Fees and Excise Taxes for For-hire
Vehicles with Adaptive Equipment Enabling Access by Persons with
Disabilities**

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative VEROW of Brewer.
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: DAVITT of Hampden, PETERSON of Rumford, SCHNECK of Bangor,
STANLEY of Medway.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §501, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and
3 affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

4 **3. Passenger vehicles for hire.** The fee for a passenger vehicle used for hire is
5 double the fee provided in subsection 1, except that for a passenger vehicle used for hire
6 that is equipped with adaptive equipment to make that vehicle accessible by a person with
7 a disability the fee is the same fee provided in subsection 1. The Secretary of State may
8 issue a 2nd registration for the same vehicle at no additional fee.

9 **Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §1483, sub-§15**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 404, §2 and
10 affected by §4, is further amended to read:

11 **15. Adaptive equipment.** Adaptive equipment installed on a motor vehicle owned
12 by a disabled person or the family of a disabled person or by a carrier engaged in
13 furnishing passenger service for hire to make that vehicle operable or accessible by a
14 disabled person; and

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill exempts from the motor vehicle excise tax adaptive equipment installed on a
17 motor vehicle owned by a carrier engaged in furnishing passenger service for hire. It also
18 reduces by half the motor vehicle registration fee of a passenger vehicle used for hire that
19 is equipped with adaptive equipment to make that vehicle operable or accessible by a
20 person with a disability.