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An Act To Repeal the Laws Governing Truck Camper Registration

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Heather J.R. Priest'.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, COLLINS of York, DAVIS of Piscataquis, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representative: HARRINGTON of Sanford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §409, sub-§§1 to 3**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A,
3 §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, are amended to read:

4 **1. Collection of tax.** The Secretary of State shall act at the time and place of
5 registration on behalf of the State Tax Assessor to collect the sales or use tax due under
6 Title 36, Part 3 for a vehicle ~~or truck-camper~~ for which an original registration is required.

7 **2. Documentation; payment of tax.** Registration may not be issued, unless in
8 addition to meeting the other registration requirements of this Title, the applicant has:

9 A. Submitted a dealer's certificate in a form prescribed by the State Tax Assessor,
10 showing either that:

11 (1) The sales tax due has been collected by the dealer; or

12 (2) The sale of the vehicle ~~or truck-camper~~ is not subject to tax; or

13 B. Properly signed a use tax certificate in a form prescribed by the State Tax
14 Assessor and:

15 (1) Paid the amount of tax due; or

16 (2) Shown that the sale or use of the vehicle ~~or truck-camper~~ is not subject to tax.

17 **3. Collection fee.** Each official shall retain from the use taxes collected a fee of
18 \$1.25 for each vehicle ~~or truck-camper~~, even if a certificate indicates that no use tax is
19 due.

20 Retained fees must be transmitted to the Treasurer of State and credited to the Highway
21 Fund.

22 Taxes collected must be transmitted to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General
23 Fund.

24 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §409, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 240, §1, is further
25 amended to read:

26 **5. Other taxes.** A motor vehicle, mobile home, or camp trailer ~~or truck-camper~~ may
27 not be registered until the excise tax or personal property tax or real estate tax has been
28 paid in accordance with Title 36, sections 551, 602, 1482 and 1484. The Secretary of
29 State may provide municipal excise tax collectors with a standard vehicle registration
30 form for the collection of excise tax.

31 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §502, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and
32 affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

33 **1. Transferring registration.** A person who transfers the ownership or discontinues
34 the use of a registered motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer and applies for registration of
35 another motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer in the same registration year may use the
36 same number plates on payment of a transfer fee of \$8, as long as the registration fee is
37 the same as that of the former vehicle. If the fee for the vehicle to be registered is greater

1 than the fee for the vehicle first registered, that person must also pay the difference. If
2 application is made for a ~~truck camper or a~~ trailer with a gross weight of 2,000 pounds or
3 less, the transfer fee is \$5.

4 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §503, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and
5 affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

6 **1. Replacements.** Replacement registration plates are furnished to replace lost or
7 mutilated plates or plates assigned to the registrant that have not been expired for more
8 than 8 months. The fee for each plate is \$5.

9 Replacement registration validation devices for number plates ~~or truck campers~~ are
10 furnished for 50¢ each.

11 **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §508**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 790, Pt. C, §10 and
12 affected by §19, is repealed.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill repeals the registration requirements for truck campers, which are slide-in
15 campers designed to be mounted on a truck body to provide temporary living quarters for
16 recreational, camping, travel or other use.