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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 205, L.D. 305, “An Act Regarding Transportation in Maine”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Leased Automobiles for Certain Veterans'

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, Public Law 2025, chapter 152 was enacted to prevent the misuse of the motor vehicle excise tax exemption for certain disabled veterans; and

Whereas, through the process of implementing Public Law 2025, chapter 152, it was uncovered that a significant group of disabled veterans lease, rather than own, their vehicles and was excluded from the excise tax exemption, creating an inequity that was not contemplated during legislative debate and runs counter to the spirit of the law; and

Whereas, leasing may be the most practical and affordable option for veterans living on fixed incomes or disability compensation; and

Whereas, this legislation must go into effect as soon as possible to address this matter; 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 by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

