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Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph B by striking out all of subparagraph (3) (page 1, lines 9 to 15 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

(3) The sale, to a person engaged in the business of renting automobiles, of automobiles, integral parts of automobiles or accessories to automobiles, for rental or for use in an automobile rented on a short-term basis for a period of less than one year. For the purposes of this subparagraph, "automobile" includes a pickup truck or van with a gross vehicle weight of less than 26,000 pounds;

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§92 is enacted to read:

92. Certain vehicle rentals. The rental for a period of less than one year of an automobile when the rental is to the service customer of a new vehicle dealer, as defined in Title 29-A, section 851, subsection 9, pursuant to a manufacturer's or new vehicle dealer's warranty and the rental fee is paid by that new vehicle dealer or warrantor.’

Amend the bill in section 4 in §1811 in the 3rd indented paragraph in the first to 3rd lines (page 3, lines 14 to 16 in L.D.) by striking out all of the following: ", or of a pickup truck or van with a gross vehicle weight of less than 26,000 pounds rented from a person primarily engaged in the business of renting automobiles,"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

‘Sec. 5. Application. This Act applies to transactions entered into on or after October 1, 2011.’

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies the proposed exclusion from sales and use tax for pickup trucks and vans purchased for short-term rental and the exemption for the rental of certain vehicles to the service customer of a new vehicle dealer pursuant to a warranty. It deletes language that would have changed how long-term rentals of pickup trucks and vans are taxed and provides that the changes apply to transactions entered into on or after October 1, 2011.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)