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**An Act To Allow the Assignment of State Vehicles to Field Personnel Directly Concerned with Maine National Guard Facilities and To Allow State Vehicles Assigned to Military Bureau Employees To Be Used for Commuting**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7-A, sub-§2, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. P, §6, is amended to read:

B. Field personnel directly concerned with the maintenance and operation of highway or Maine National Guard facilities who are frequently called for emergency duty at other than regular working hours;

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §7-B,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. CCC, §1, is further amended to read:

**§ 7-B. Use of state vehicles for commuting**

A state-owned or state-leased vehicle may not be used by any employee to commute between home and work, except for those vehicles authorized and assigned to employees of the Baxter State Park Authority and of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Military Bureau as designated by the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and to law enforcement officials within the following organizational units: Bureau of State Police; Maine Drug Enforcement Agency; Office of the State Fire Marshal; the division within the Department of Public Safety designated by the Commissioner of Public Safety to enforce the law relating to the manufacture, importation, storage, transportation and sale of all liquor and to administer those laws relating to licensing and collection of taxes on malt liquor and wine; Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Bureau of Marine Patrol; the forest protection unit within the Bureau of Forestry; Bureau of Warden Service; Bureau of Parks and Lands; and the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, the investigation division and the Medicaid fraud control unit within the Office of the Attorney General.

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows the assignment of state vehicles to field personnel directly concerned with the maintenance and operation of Maine National Guard facilities who are frequently called for emergency duty outside of regular hours. It also allows Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Military Bureau employees designated by the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to use state vehicles to commute between home and work.