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**An Act To Provide Tax Relief to Residents Deployed for Military
Duty or Stationed outside of Maine**

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative EVES of North Berwick.
Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BURNS of Alfred, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor,
HUNT of Buxton, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, McCABE of Skowhegan, WEAVER of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1483, sub-§15**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 404, §2 and
3 affected by §4, is further amended to read:

4 **15. Adaptive equipment.** Adaptive equipment installed on a motor vehicle owned
5 by a disabled person or the family of a disabled person to make that vehicle operable or
6 accessible by a disabled person; ~~and~~

7 **Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §1483, sub-§16**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 404, §3 and
8 affected by §4, is amended to read:

9 **16. Active military stationed in Maine.** Vehicles owned by a person on active duty
10 serving in the Armed Forces of the United States who is permanently stationed at a
11 military or naval post, station or base in the State. A member of the Armed Forces of the
12 United States stationed in the State who desires to register that member's vehicle in this
13 State shall present certification from the commander of the member's post, station or
14 base, or from the commander's designated agent, that the member is permanently
15 stationed at that post, station or base. For purposes of this subsection, "a person on active
16 duty serving in the Armed Forces of the United States" does not include a member of the
17 National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces-; and

18 **Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §1483, sub-§17** is enacted to read:

19 **17. Residents permanently stationed or deployed for military service outside of**
20 **Maine.** Vehicles owned by a resident who is on active duty serving in the United States
21 Armed Forces and who is either permanently stationed at a military or naval post, station
22 or base outside this State or deployed for military service for a period of more than 30
23 days. A resident who is on active duty serving in the United States Armed Forces and
24 who is either permanently stationed at a military or naval post, station or base outside this
25 State or deployed for military service for a period of more than 30 days who desires to
26 register that resident's vehicle in this State must present certification from the commander
27 of the resident's post, station or base, or from the commander's designated agent, that the
28 resident is permanently stationed at that post, station or base or is deployed for military
29 service for a period of more than 30 days. For purposes of this subsection, "deployed for
30 military service" has the same meaning as in Title 26, section 814, subsection 1,
31 paragraph A.

32 **Sec. 4. Effective date.** This Act takes effect November 1, 2011.

33 **SUMMARY**

34 Current law exempts from excise tax motor vehicles owned by a resident or
35 nonresident on active military duty who is permanently stationed at a military base in
36 Maine.

37 This bill also exempts from the excise tax vehicles owned by residents of Maine who
38 are on active military duty and who are either permanently stationed at a military or naval

1 base outside of Maine or are deployed for military service in the United States Armed
2 Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, for a period of more than 30 days.