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**An Act to Eliminate Motor Vehicle Registration Fees for Volunteer
Firefighters and Volunteer Emergency Medical Services Providers**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §501, last ¶**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 390, §1, is repealed.

3 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §501-A** is enacted to read:

4 **§501-A. Exemptions from registration fee**

5 The following persons are exempt from the registration fees under section 501.

6 **1. Firefighter; emergency medical services provider.** A volunteer firefighter or
7 volunteer emergency medical services provider, as defined by the Secretary of State by
8 rule, who possesses or applies for a registration certificate is exempt from the registration
9 fee under section 501 for a motor vehicle that is the person's primary means of
10 transportation. The Secretary of State shall adopt rules to define "volunteer firefighter" and
11 "volunteer emergency medical services provider." Rules adopted pursuant to this
12 subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

13 **2. Gold star family.** A person possessing or applying for a registration certificate and
14 a set of gold star family registration plates pursuant to section 524-B is exempt from
15 registration fees under section 501 for the motor vehicle registered or to be registered.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill exempts a volunteer firefighter and a volunteer emergency medical services
18 provider from paying registration fees for a vehicle that is the primary means of
19 transportation. The bill directs the Secretary of State to define "volunteer firefighter" and
20 "volunteer emergency medical services provider." The bill provides for the Secretary of
21 State to adopt rules related to this exemption.

22 Current law provides an exemption from motor vehicle registration fees for a person
23 applying for a registration certificate and a set of gold star family plates. This bill moves
24 that provision to a new statutory section for exemptions from registration fees.