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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**

Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock.

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

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

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

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

9 **§7-B. Use of state vehicles for commuting**

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

24 **SUMMARY**

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