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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Support of,

LD 2076, *An Act to Exempt from Excise Tax Vehicles of Active Duty
Service Members Stationed Out of State*

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Senator Grohoski, Representative Perry and distinguished members of the Committee on Taxation, my name is Amanda Campbell, and I am submitting testimony in support of LD 2076 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA), and the 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC), who were elected by their colleagues and peers to determine MMA's position on bills of municipal interest.

LD 2076 seeks to provide consistency at the municipal level for active-duty service members who register their motor vehicles within the state. By repealing the requirement for adoption of a local ordinance to waive excise tax for those stationed outside of Maine, and in concurrence with existing statute exempting service members stationed in Maine, this bill would require all municipalities to waive motor vehicle excise tax for all active-duty service members, regardless of the location of their deployment. Consistency in the application of taxes and fees can allow for a streamlined experience at the point of registration and provide staff with clarity in delivery of services.

Thank you for your consideration of this position.

If you have any questions regarding MMA's position on this bill, or other bills with municipal impact, please contact me at acampbell@memun.org