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## ***Testimony of Rep. Michael H. Lemelin***

### **LD 2076 "An Act to Exempt from Excise Tax Vehicles of Active Duty Service Members Stationed Out-of-state"**

Good afternoon Senator Grohoski, Representative Perry and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation. I am Rep. Michael Lemelin, serving House District 53, Chelsea, Randolph, Pittston, and Dresden.

I am here to present to you LD 2076. This bill was presented to me by my Town Manager in Chelsea. As you know Towns rely on excise tax, so if a town manager brings about a bill to wave the excise tax in a certain situation it must be a very important issue. We are only making one small change to an existing piece of Legislation.

The law currently offers military personnel exemption from excise tax on vehicles registered in their name if stationed in Maine. We are asking you to consider extending it to all military personnel even if based outside of Maine. If a person is serving our Country and putting their life on the line for our safety, they should also be exempt.

Thank you for considering our request.