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### **JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

#### **L.D. 1581 "An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption of Certain Veterans."**

Testimony of Shenna Bellows, Secretary of State and  
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Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, I am providing testimony neither for nor against L.D. 1581 "An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption of Certain Veterans."

We worked with Maine Municipal Association and Representatives Drinkwater, Nutting and Greenwood to come to consensus on the amended bill that was presented by Representative Nutting earlier in this public hearing. We appreciate the ability to weigh in on a path forward that is workable on the BMV end and leave the policy decision-making in your hands.

As presented in the sponsor's amendment, this bill requires that for an automobile to qualify for the excise tax exemption provided in current law for certain veterans who are disabled, the name of the qualifying veteran must appear on the vehicle's certificate of title. Additionally, the number of vehicles that may be exempted for a given person would be capped at three. The Titles Division at BMV is capable and ready to provide municipalities the information they would need to confirm that the person seeking the excise tax exemption is on a given vehicle's certificate of title.

Thank you for your time today and I will be happy to answer any questions.