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## **Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association**

### **In Support For**

### ***LD 1581 – An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Certain Veterans***

April 17, 2025

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Sen. Nangle, Rep. Crafts, and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee, my name is Rebecca Graham, and I am submitting testimony in opposition to LD 1581 at the direction of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). Our LPC is made up of individuals from across Maine with municipal officials elected by their peers across Maine's 35 Senate districts representing communities with very different access to available enforcement resources and local capacity.

Our LPC met yesterday to discuss the amended version of this bill and appreciate the restriction to require the name of that the disabled veteran who receives this benefit to be placed on the title of the vehicle and limiting the number of vehicles that receive this benefit to 3.

While officials would like the state to pay for the continued loss of revenue resulting from the exemptions the Legislature feels are important, they believe this is a balanced way to limit and prevent abuse of this amendment presents. The Association and its members thanks Rep. Nutting for his willingness to engage in these discussions in advance of the bill and for working with the stakeholders to address their concerns.