

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §462, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**2. Payment of fee for temporary registration plate.** The fee for a temporary registration plate is \$1 per plate. A purchaser may operate the motor vehicle or trailer with a temporary registration plate for a period of ~~14 consecutive~~ 30 days without payment of a regular fee. If the purchaser is a nonresident member of the Armed Services, the purchaser may operate a motor vehicle or trailer for a period of 20 consecutive days without payment of a regular fee. At the end of this initial period, a resident who is unable to comply with the requirements of chapter 7 or a nonresident who has applied for but has not yet received a registration certificate from a home state may request the Secretary of State to extend this period without charge for an additional 20 days.

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §531, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 440, §1 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

**6. Excise tax on commercial vehicles operated by nonresident owners.** Nonresident owners of motor vehicles paying an apportioned registration fee to the State through the International Registration Plan shall pay to the Secretary of State an apportioned excise tax determined by multiplying the apportioned mileage percentage ~~by the purchase price of the vehicle and~~ by the appropriate mill rate ~~for the model year~~ as determined in Title 36, section 1482, subsection 1, paragraph C.

**Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §533-A, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 646, §1, is further amended to read:

**3. Use of the fund.** The fund must be used as follows.

~~A. Between July 1st and October 31st, the Secretary of State shall disburse to a participating municipality a sum equal to the difference in the amount of excise tax that would have been collected by that municipality in the prior fiscal year on each commercial motor vehicle or bus under Title 36, section 1482, subsection 1, paragraph C, subparagraph (3) or (4) using the manufacturer's suggested retail price from the amount of that excise tax actually collected by that municipality in the prior fiscal year based on the actual purchase price. The Secretary of State shall provide supporting documentation to a municipality regarding the disbursement that municipality receives under this section.~~

~~B. By December 1st of the each fiscal year in which disbursements are made under paragraph A, the Secretary of State shall transfer from the fund to the Highway Fund a sum equal to the difference in the total revenues derived pursuant to section 531, subsection 6 in the prior fiscal year from the total disbursements made under paragraph A in the current fiscal year.~~

**Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §533-A, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 505, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §654, sub-§1, ¶B-1**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 671, §13, is repealed.

**Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §658, sub-§1, ¶E-1**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 18, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. 7. 36 MRSA §1482, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 263, §1, is further amended to read:

C. For the privilege of operating a motor vehicle or camper trailer on the public ways, each motor vehicle, other than a stock race car, or each camper trailer to be so operated is subject to excise tax ~~as follows, except as specified in subparagraph (3), (4) or (5):~~ a sum equal to 24 mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the first or current year of model, 17 1/2 mills for the 2nd year, 13 1/2 mills for the 3rd year, 10 mills for the 4th year, 6 1/2 mills for the 5th year and 4 mills for the 6th and succeeding years. The minimum tax is \$5 for a motor vehicle other than a bicycle with motor attached, \$2.50 for a bicycle with motor attached, \$15 for a camper trailer other than a tent trailer and \$5 for a tent trailer \$200 per year. The excise tax on a stock race car is \$5.

(1) On new registrations of automobiles, trucks and truck tractors, the excise tax payment must be made prior to registration and is for a one-year period from the date of registration.

(2) Vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan are subject to an excise tax determined on a monthly proration basis if their registration period is less than 12 months.

~~(3) For commercial vehicles manufactured in model year 1996 and after, the amount of excise tax due for trucks or truck tractors registered for more than 26,000 pounds and for Class A special mobile equipment, as defined in Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 70, is based on the purchase price in the original year of title rather than on the list price. Verification of purchase price for the application of excise tax is determined by the initial bill of sale or the state sales tax document provided at point of purchase. The initial bill of sale is that issued by the dealer to the initial purchaser of a new vehicle.~~

~~(4) For buses manufactured in model year 2006 and after, the amount of excise tax due is based on the purchase price in the original year of title rather than on the list price. Verification of purchase price for the application of excise tax is determined by the initial bill of sale or the state sales tax document provided at point of purchase. The initial bill of sale is that issued by the dealer to the initial purchaser of a new vehicle.~~

~~(5) For trucks or truck tractors registered for more than 26,000 pounds that have been reconstructed using a prepackaged kit that may include a frame, front axle or body but does not include a power train or engine and for which a new certificate of title is required to be issued, the amount of excise tax due is based on the maker's list price of the prepackaged kit.~~

For motor vehicles being registered pursuant to Title 29-A, section 405, subsection 1, paragraph C, the excise tax must be prorated for the number of months in the registration.

**Sec. 8. 36 MRSA §1482, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 263, §2, is further amended to read:

**4. Maker's list price.** The maker's list price of a vehicle to be used must be obtained from sources approved by the State Tax Assessor, ~~except for a truck or truck tractor described under subsection 1, paragraph C, subparagraph (5).~~ When the maker's list price of a vehicle is not readily obtainable the State Tax Assessor shall prescribe the maker's list price to be used or the manner in which the maker's list price is determined.

~~A. At the time of payment of the excise tax prior to a new registration for a new passenger vehicle purchased from a motor vehicle dealer licensed in any state for the sale of new passenger vehicles, the owner shall submit the manufacturer's suggested retail price sticker, or a copy of the sticker, to the excise tax collector. In the case of rental and fleet vehicles, other documentation may be provided at the discretion of the municipal excise tax collector.~~

~~This paragraph applies only to those vehicles for which a manufacturer's suggested retail price sticker is required by the Federal Government.~~

#### SUMMARY

This initiated bill changes the excise tax on motor vehicles and camper trailers to \$200 per year. It also increases the period of time for which a temporary registration plate is valid from 14 to 30 days.