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**An Act To Allow State Vehicles Assigned to Maine Emergency
Management Agency Employees To Be Used for Commuting**

Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

Handwritten signature of Robert B. Hunt in cursive.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WARREN of Hallowell.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7-B, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 578, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 A state-owned or state-leased vehicle may not be used by any employee to commute
5 between home and work, except for those vehicles authorized and assigned to employees
6 of the Baxter State Park Authority and of the Department of Defense, Veterans and
7 Emergency Management, Military Bureau and Maine Emergency Management Agency as
8 designated by the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and
9 to law enforcement officials within the following organizational units: Bureau of State
10 Police; Maine Drug Enforcement Agency; Office of the State Fire Marshal; the division
11 within the Department of Public Safety designated by the Commissioner of Public Safety
12 to enforce the law relating to the manufacture, importation, storage, transportation and sale
13 of all liquor and to administer those laws relating to licensing and collection of taxes on
14 malt liquor and wine; Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Bureau of Marine Patrol; the forest
15 protection unit within the Bureau of Forestry; Bureau of Warden Service; Bureau of Parks
16 and Lands; and the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, the investigation division and the
17 Medicaid fraud control unit within the Office of the Attorney General.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill allows an employee of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency
20 Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency to use a state-owned or state-leased
21 vehicle to commute between home and work if so designated by the Commissioner of
22 Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.