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NATURAL RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
117TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to I.B. 2, L.D. 716, "An Act to Repeal the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Program"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This initiated bill must be enacted without change or be sent out to referendum. The estimated cost of sending this initiated bill out to referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda enacted during the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature. The estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one to 6 referenda are enacted is \$95,000. Each additional referendum costs an additional \$7,000.

If enacted or approved by the voters, this bill will reduce Highway Fund revenue and dedicated revenue to the Department of Environmental Protection. The allocations in support of this program will need to be adjusted by future legislation.

The Governor's proposed budget for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles within the Department of the Secretary of State includes Highway Fund allocations of \$105,657 in fiscal year 1995-96 and \$141,022 in fiscal year 1996-97 to administer the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Program. These funds represent 3 full-time positions and general operating expenses associated with administering this program within the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. These positions and allocations associated with this program are no longer required.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 The Highway Fund costs of the Motor Vehicle Emission
3 Inspection Program must be reimbursed by the Department of
4 Environmental Protection pursuant to Public Law 1993, chapter
5 418. The Department of Environmental Protection has not received
6 sufficient revenue from this program due to its suspension to
7 reimburse the Highway Fund. The estimated reductions of budgeted
8 Highway Fund revenue are \$105,657, and \$141,022 in fiscal years
1995-96 and 1996-97, respectively.

10 In addition, repeal of the program will reduce budgeted
11 dedicated revenues to the Department of Environmental Protection
12 by \$286,828 and \$390,602 in fiscal years 1995-96 and 1996-97,
13 respectively. The department's allocations of \$144,542 and
14 \$197,985 in fiscal years 1995-96 and 1996-97, respectively, for
15 the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Program must be adjusted to
16 reflect this elimination of revenues.

18 The repeal of the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Program
19 will increase the likelihood of a suit being brought by the
20 independent contractor against the State and increase the amount
21 sought for recovery of damages. The impact on state finances can
22 not be determined at this time.

24 This bill may result in the loss of federal highway money to
25 the Department of Transportation as a result of the imposition of
26 federal sanctions for noncompliance with the Clean Air Act
27 Amendments of 1990. The amount of the federal highway money
28 involved can not be determined at this time.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.