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House of Representatives, March 14, 1995

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Authorize the Dedication of a Portion of Vehicle Registration Fees to the Motor Vehicle Inspections Program.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TOWNSEND of Portland.

2 **Constitutional amendment. Resolved:** Two thirds of each
branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following
4 amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

6 **Constitution, Art. IX, §19** is amended to read:

8 **Section 19. Limitation on expenditure of motor vehicle and**
9 **motor vehicle fuel revenues.** All revenues derived from fees,
excises and license taxes relating to registration, operation and
10 use of vehicles on public highways, and to fuels used for
propulsion of such vehicles shall be expended solely for cost of
12 administration, statutory refunds and adjustments, payment of
debts and liabilities incurred in construction and reconstruction
14 of highways and bridges, the cost of construction,
reconstruction, maintenance and repair of public highways and
16 bridges under the direction and supervision of a state department
having jurisdiction over such highways and bridges and expense
18 for state enforcement of traffic laws and shall not be diverted
for any purpose, provided that these limitations shall do not
20 apply to revenue from an excise tax on motor vehicles imposed in
lieu of personal property tax and provided that these limitations
22 do not apply to revenue from motor vehicle registration fees
expended to fund a motor vehicle emission inspection program.

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28 **Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective**
date. **Resolved:** That the municipal officers of this State shall
30 notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and
plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding
32 a statewide election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday
following the first Monday of November following the passage of
34 this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment
proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

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38 "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to allow
revenue from motor vehicle registration fees to be spent to
40 fund a motor vehicle emission inspection program?"

42 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall
vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a
44 cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below
the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,
counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings
46 and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as
votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review
48 the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes
are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim

2 that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the
Constitution on the date of the proclamation; and be it further

4 **Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the
Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town
6 and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution
necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.
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10 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

12 This constitutional resolution allows revenue from motor
vehicle registration fees to be spent to fund a motor vehicle
14 emission inspection program.