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	L.D. 690
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12	STATE OF MAINE
14	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 121ST LEGISLATURE
16	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 507, L.D. 690, Bill, "An
20	Act To Create a Registration Plate for Experimental Automobiles"
22	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:
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26	'An Act To Create Experimental Motor Vehicle Plates and Registration'
28	Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place
30	the following:
32	'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §470 is enacted to read:
34	§470. Experimental motor vehicle plates and registration
36	1. Definition. "Experimental motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle in the developmental stage that has not yet reached
38	production.
40	2. Inspection and equipment. An experimental motor vehicle is exempt from inspection requirements under section 1751 but
42	must comply with the equipment standards of chapter 17 to include at a minimum: body components, an exhaust system, reflectors,
44	running gear, tires, a horn, lights, directional signals, brakes, a steering mechanism, windshield wipers, safety seat belts and
46	a steering mechanism, windshield wipers, salety seat delts and rearview mirrors.

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3. Experimental motor vehicle inventor registration. A
person in the business of developing experimental motor vehicles
shall register with the Secretary of State as an experimental
motor vehicle inventor. The Secretary of State shall develop and
implement an application process, including but not limited to
name, address and description and photographs of the experimental
motor vehicle in development.

4. Experimental motor vehicle plate. The Secretary of State shall issue a registration plate for an experimental motor vehicle to a registered experimental motor vehicle inventor. This plate may be used for one or more experimental motor vehicles during the term of the registration provided that those vehicles are owned by the person issued the registration plate. The Secretary of State may issue no more than 2 plates per registered experimental motor vehicle inventor. The registration for an experimental motor vehicle must be renewed annually.

5. Fee. The Secretary of State shall charge an annual fee of \$20 for each plate issued under this section.

6. Insurance. The Secretary of State may not issue an experimental motor vehicle registration plate until the applicant has procured and filed with the Secretary of State a certificate showing that the applicant is covered by an automobile bodily injury and property damage liability insurance policy providing coverage against any legal liability when injury, death or damage results from or has been caused by the operation of any vehicle bearing an experimental motor vehicle registration plate.

7. Limitations on use. A person may not operate an experimental motor vehicle on a public way with a posted speed limit that exceeds the capability of that vehicle to achieve and safely maintain that speed. Experimental motor vehicles are prohibited from operation on the interstate highway system and Maine Turnpike at all times. A person may operate an experimental motor vehicle only in daylight hours.

8. Rulemaking. The Secretary of State shall adopt rules to establish the application criteria and process by which a person may qualify to receive an experimental motor vehicle registration plate. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

9. Violations. The operation of any motor vehicle registered under this section that is not in compliance with this section is a traffic infraction.

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	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "H" to H.P. 507, L.D. 690
2	Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA $\S1752$ , sub- $\S8$ , $\PC$ , as repealed and replaced by PL 1997, c. 437, $\S42$ , is amended to read:
4	C. Has a partial annual inspection of running gear, steering mechanism, brakes and exhaust system and tires
6	under section 1917, subsection 3; and
8	Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1752, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
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12	9. Registered in this State. A motor vehicle registered in this State displaying a valid certificate of inspection from another state or a federally approved commercial vehicle
14	inspection program until its normal expiration; and
16	Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §1752, sub-§10 is enacted to read:
18	10. Experimental motor vehicle. A vehicle registered as an experimental motor vehicle pursuant to section 470. An
20	experimental motor vehicle must meet minimum equipment standards pursuant to section 470, subsection 2.
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24	SUMMARY
26	This amendment establishes registration plates for experimental motor vehicles. The amendment requires experimental
28	motor vehicle inventors to register with the Secretary of State in order to obtain experimental motor vehicle plates. The
30	amendment requires the Secretary of State to adopt rules to establish the application criteria and process by which a person
32	may obtain an experimental motor vehicle plate. The amendment also establishes equipment, operation and insurance standards for
34	experimental motor vehicle registration.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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## 121st Maine Legislature Office of Fiscal and Program Review

### LD 690

An Act To Create a Registration Plate for Experimental Automobiles

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "
Committee: Transportation
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### **Fiscal Note**

Minor cost increase - Highway Fund Minor revenue increase - Highway Fund