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House of Representatives, March 11, 2025

An Act to Amend the State's Vehicle Inspection Law by Requiring Inspections Biennially

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft. Cosponsored by Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, CHAPMAN of Auburn, GREENWOOD of Wales, LANCE of Paris, MASON of Lisbon, WHITE of Guilford, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1751, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
1. Inspection required. Except as provided in this chapter or section 2307, subsection 1, a motor vehicle required to be registered in this State must have an annual inspection every other year. A person may have a motor vehicle inspected more frequently.
Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1751, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 786, §1, is amended to read:
2-A. Enhanced inspection. Beginning January 1, 1999, a motor vehicle that is required to be registered in Cumberland County and that is subject to inspection pursuant to subsection 1 must have an annual enhanced inspection every other year. The following equipment is subject to inspection:
A. Equipment subject to inspection pursuant to subsection 2;
B. The fuel tank cap on 1974 and subsequent models of gasoline-powered vehicles; and
C. The on-board diagnostic system on 1996 and subsequent models.
A motor vehicle that is not required to be registered in Cumberland County may have an enhanced inspection under this subsection.
SUMMARY
This bill provides that a motor vehicle required to be registered must have an inspection every other year. Current law requires an annual inspection.