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### **An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Automotive Right to Repair Working Group**

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Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§5-B** is enacted to read:

3 **5-B.**

4 Commerce Motor Vehicle Right to Repair Not Authorized 29-A MRSA  
5 and Trade Commission §1810,  
6 sub-§2-A

7 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1810, sub-§1**, as enacted by IB 2023, c. 3, §3, is amended to  
8 read:

9 **1. Access to diagnostic systems.** Access to the vehicle on-board diagnostic systems  
10 of all motor vehicles, including commercial motor vehicles and heavy duty vehicles having  
11 a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 14,000 pounds, must be standardized and made  
12 accessible to motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities and the access may not  
13 require authorization by the motor vehicle manufacturer, directly or indirectly, unless that  
14 authorization is standardized across all makes and models of motor vehicles sold in this  
15 State ~~and is administered by the independent entity described in subsection 2.~~

16 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1810, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

17 **1-A. Definition.** For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise  
18 indicates, "owner-authorized independent repair facility" means an independent repair  
19 facility that has been authorized by a motor vehicle owner to receive or access diagnostic  
20 and repair information or other mechanical data pertaining to or emanating from the  
21 owner's motor vehicle for the purpose of diagnosing or repairing the motor vehicle.

22 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §1810, sub-§2**, as enacted by IB 2023, c. 3, §3, is repealed.

23 **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §1810, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

24 **2-A. Motor Vehicle Right to Repair Commission.** This subsection governs the  
25 composition, activities and duties of the Motor Vehicle Right to Repair Commission, as  
26 established in Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 5-B and referred to in this section as  
27 "the commission."

28 A. The commission consists of the following 12 members, appointed by the Governor:

29 (1) Three members representing motor vehicle manufacturers, at least one of  
30 whom must represent an organization of motor vehicle manufacturers and at least  
31 one of whom must represent a manufacturer of heavy duty vehicles;

32 (2) One member representing aftermarket parts manufacturers;

33 (3) One member representing diagnostic tool manufacturers;

34 (4) One member representing aftermarket parts distributors and retailers;

35 (5) Three members representing independent repair facilities in the State, at least  
36 one of whom must be an owner or operator of an independent repair facility  
37 specializing in motor vehicle repair and at least one of whom must be an owner or  
38 operator of an independent repair facility specializing in heavy duty vehicle repair;

39 (6) One member representing new motor vehicle dealers in the State;

40 (7) One member with expertise in automotive cybersecurity matters; and

1           (8) One member representing the public, who must be a resident of the State and  
2           who serves as the chair of the commission.

3           In making appointments under this paragraph, the Governor may take into  
4           consideration any nominations for appointments that are timely made by industry  
5           stakeholders or trade associations.

6           B. Members of the commission are appointed to 3-year terms. The commission shall  
7           meet at least quarterly but may meet more frequently at the chair's discretion. The  
8           Attorney General may provide administrative support to the commission, within the  
9           limits of existing resources.

10          C. The commission:

11           (1) Shall monitor and assess implementation of and motor vehicle manufacturers'  
12           compliance with the requirements of this section;

13           (2) Shall attempt to informally resolve any complaints from motor vehicle owners  
14           and independent repair facilities alleging motor vehicle manufacturer  
15           noncompliance with the requirements of this section, and, if a complaint cannot be  
16           resolved informally, consider whether to refer the matter to the Attorney General  
17           for potential enforcement action;

18           (3) Shall designate one or more technical experts with whom the Attorney General  
19           may consult in assessing enforcement referrals under subparagraph (2) and  
20           maintaining enforcement actions under subsection 8; and

21           (4) May issue recommendations for best practices for motor vehicle manufacturers  
22           to use in providing access to motor vehicle data and may solicit input from  
23           stakeholders and other interested parties regarding privacy issues associated with  
24           the disclosure of motor vehicle-generated data.

25          D. By January 15, 2028, and annually thereafter, the commission shall submit to the  
26          Governor, the Attorney General and the joint standing committee of the Legislature  
27          having jurisdiction over business matters a report that:

28           (1) Describes the commission's activities during the preceding year;

29           (2) Describes any implementation or compliance issues that the commission has  
30           identified during the preceding year; and

31           (3) Includes any recommendations for proposed changes to this section to address  
32           any implementation or compliance issues, including any recommendations that  
33           propose providing the commission with additional authority.

34          After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may report out legislation  
35          relating to the report to any regular or special session held in the same year in which  
36          the report was received pursuant to this paragraph.

37          **Sec. 6. 29-A MRS §1810, sub-§3**, as enacted by IB 2023, c. 3, §3, is amended to  
38          read:

39           **3. Model year 2002 or later motor vehicles; diagnostic repair tools, parts, software**  
40           **and components.** For model year 2002 or later motor vehicles, including commercial  
41           motor vehicles and heavy duty vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of more than  
42           14,000 pounds, each a manufacturer of motor vehicles sold in this State shall make

1 available for purchase under fair and reasonable terms by motor vehicle owners and  
2 independent repair facilities all diagnostic repair tools, parts, software and components  
3 incorporating the same diagnostic, functional repair and wireless capabilities that the motor  
4 vehicle manufacturer makes available to its authorized repair shops. Each motor vehicle  
5 manufacturer shall:

6 A. Provide diagnostic repair information to each aftermarket scan tool company and  
7 each 3rd-party service information provider with whom the motor vehicle  
8 manufacturer has appropriate licensing, contractual or confidentiality agreements for  
9 the sole purpose of building aftermarket diagnostic tools and 3rd-party service  
10 information publications and systems. ~~Once a~~ A motor vehicle manufacturer that  
11 makes information available pursuant to this paragraph, the manufacturer is considered  
12 to have ~~has~~ satisfied its obligations under this paragraph and thereafter is not  
13 responsible for the content and functionality of aftermarket diagnostic tools or service  
14 information systems;

15 B. Make available for purchase by owners of motor vehicles and by independent repair  
16 facilities the same diagnostic and repair information, including repair technical  
17 updates, that the motor vehicle manufacturer makes available to its authorized repair  
18 shops through the motor vehicle manufacturer's Internet-based diagnostic and repair  
19 information system; and

20 C. Provide access to the manufacturer's diagnostic and repair information system for  
21 purchase by owners of motor vehicles and independent repair facilities on a daily,  
22 monthly and yearly subscription basis and upon fair and reasonable terms.

23 All parts, tools, software and other components necessary to complete a full repair of the  
24 vehicle, as referenced in this subsection, must be ~~included and~~ provided to owners of motor  
25 vehicles and ~~authorized~~ owner-authorized independent repair ~~shops~~ facilities.

26 **Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §1810, sub-§4**, as enacted by IB 2023, c. 3, §3, is amended to  
27 read:

28 **4. Model year 2002-2017 motor vehicles; access to on-board diagnostic and repair**  
29 **information system.** For model year 2002-2017 motor vehicles, including commercial  
30 motor vehicles and heavy duty vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of more than  
31 14,000 pounds, a motor vehicle manufacturer shall provide a motor vehicle owner or an  
32 owner-authorized independent repair facility with access to a vehicle's on-board diagnostic  
33 and repair information system ~~must be the same for an owner or an independent repair~~  
34 ~~facility as that to the same extent that access to a vehicle's on-board diagnostic and repair~~  
35 information system is provided to a new vehicle dealer.

36 **Sec. 8. 29-A MRSA §1810, sub-§5**, as enacted by IB 2023, c. 3, §3, is amended to  
37 read:

38 **5. Model year 2018 and or later motor vehicles; access to on-board diagnostic and**  
39 **repair information system.** For model year 2018 ~~and or~~ later motor vehicles, including  
40 commercial motor vehicles and heavy duty vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating  
41 of more than 14,000 pounds, a motor vehicle manufacturer shall provide access to the on-  
42 board diagnostic and repair information system ~~must be available~~ through use of an off-  
43 the-shelf personal computer with sufficient memory, processor speed, connectivity and  
44 other capabilities as specified by the motor vehicle manufacturer and:

- 1 A. A nonproprietary vehicle interface device that complies with SAE International  
2 standard J2534, SAE International standard J1939, commonly referred to as SAE  
3 J2534 and SAE J1939, the International Organization for Standardization standard  
4 22900, commonly referred to as ISO 22900, or any successor to SAE J2534, SAE  
5 J1939 or ISO 22900 as may be accepted or published by SAE International or the  
6 International Organization for Standardization, as appropriate;
- 7 B. An on-board diagnostic and repair information system integrated into and entirely  
8 self-contained within the vehicle, including, but not limited to, service information  
9 systems integrated into an on-board display; ~~and or~~
- 10 C. A system that provides direct access to on-board diagnostic and repair information  
11 through a nonproprietary vehicle interface, such as ethernet, universal serial bus or  
12 digital versatile disc.

13 Each motor vehicle manufacturer shall provide access to the same on-board diagnostic and  
14 repair information available to ~~their~~ the motor vehicle manufacturer's dealers, including  
15 technical updates to such on-board systems, through such nonproprietary interfaces as  
16 referenced in this subsection. All parts, tools, software and other components necessary to  
17 complete a full repair of a vehicle, as referenced in this subsection, must be ~~included and~~  
18 provided to motor vehicle owners and ~~authorized~~ owner-authorized independent repair  
19 shops facilities.

20 **Sec. 9. 29-A MRSA §1810, sub-§6**, as enacted by IB 2023, c. 3, §3, is amended to  
21 read:

22 **6. Required equipment Owner-authorization access platform**. Not later than ~~one~~  
23 ~~year from the effective date of this section~~ September 1, 2027, a manufacturer of motor  
24 vehicles sold in this State, including commercial motor vehicles and heavy duty vehicles  
25 having a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 14,000 pounds, that uses a telematics  
26 system is required to equip vehicles sold in this State with an inter-operable, and  
27 ~~standardized and owner-authorized~~ owner-authorization access platform across all of the  
28 motor vehicle manufacturer's makes and models. The platform must be capable of securely  
29 communicating all mechanical data emanating directly from the motor vehicle via direct  
30 data connection to the platform. The platform must be directly accessible by the motor  
31 vehicle owner through a mobile-based application and, upon the authorization of the owner,  
32 all mechanical data must be directly accessible by an independent repair facility or a  
33 licensed dealer as described in section 851, subsections 2 and 9, limited to the time to  
34 complete the repair or for a period of time agreed to by the motor vehicle owner for the  
35 purposes of maintaining, diagnosing and repairing the motor vehicle. Access must include  
36 the ability to receive data and send commands to in-vehicle components if needed for  
37 purposes of maintenance, diagnostics and repair. The platform must provide a motor  
38 vehicle owner or owner-authorized independent repair facility access to the same data the  
39 motor vehicle manufacturer makes available to its authorized repair shops. All parts, tools,  
40 software and other components necessary to complete a full repair of the vehicle, as  
41 referenced in this subsection, must be ~~included and~~ provided to a motor vehicle owners  
42 owner and authorized independent repair shops facility authorized by a motor vehicle  
43 owner.

44 **Sec. 10. 29-A MRSA §1810, sub-§8**, as enacted by IB 2023, c. 3, §3, is amended  
45 to read:



1 to repair law may have been violated. It also provides that the Attorney General may seek  
2 injunctive relief and a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 per violation.

3 The bill clarifies that in cases when the law requires motor vehicle manufacturers to  
4 share data or access to data with motor vehicle owners and owner-authorized independent  
5 repair facilities, those manufacturers are required to provide the same data or provide access  
6 to the same extent as provided to the manufacturers' authorized repair shops.