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Automobile Registration/Inspections on Monhegan Island

FACTS:

There are twelve vehicles on Monhegan Island operating with a \$2 registration fee. 29 M.R.S.A. § 242,1.

There are no roads on Monhegan Island maintained or supported by the State. Neither is there an official motor vehicle inspection station.

QUESTION:

Are any motor vehicles operating exclusively on Monhegan Island exempt from motor vehicle inspections under 29 M.R.S.A. § 2122-2126?

ANSWER:

Yes.

OPINION:

The last sentence of 29 M.R.S.A. § 2122 para. 1, defines the scope of the motor vehicle inspection laws.

"It shall be unlawful, except as otherwise provided, for any person to operate a vehicle on the highways of this State unless said vehicle has been inspected and bears a certificate as provided in this section."

So long as the motor vehicles in question do not operate "on the highways of this State" there is no requirement that they be inspected.

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