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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 370

H. P. 281

House of Representatives, January 26, 1971

Referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stillings of Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Fees for Inspection of Motor Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 29, § 2011, amended. The last paragraph of section 2011 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 113 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding section 2125, the fee for such inspection shall be ~~\$2~~ \$4.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 29, § 2122, amended. The last sentence of the 3rd paragraph of section 2122 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The ~~\$2~~ fee as required by law for semiannual inspection shall not apply in such case.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 29, § 2124, amended. The last sentence of the first paragraph of section 2124 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 68 of the public laws of 1967, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

A fee of \$5 shall accompany each application for a license to operate an official inspection station and shall be nonrefundable. Said license shall be valid for 3 years from the date of issue.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 29, § 2124, amended. The 2nd sentence of the last paragraph of section 2124 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

These shall be furnished by the office of the Chief of the State Police at ~~700~~ 30c each.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 29, § 2124, amended. The last sentence of section 2124 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

An official inspection station, making application to the Chief of the State Police on forms he shall provide, shall receive a refund of the purchase price for any unused or expired inspection stickers which have not been defaced, provided that no such refund shall be made in an amount less than \$1. This provision shall apply when a station license has been suspended, or renewal is denied, if such refund shall be applied for within 30 days of the expiration of the inspection stickers or of any such suspension, or refusal to renew the station license.

Sec. 6. R. S., T. 29, § 2125, amended. Section 2125 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 9 of chapter 248 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 2125. Fees

The operator of any official inspection station, or his agent, shall conduct the inspection of motor vehicles presented to him for that purpose in accordance with section 2122 and with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Chief of the State Police, for which he shall receive a fee of ~~\$1~~ \$2.50 for each ~~car~~ vehicle inspected, this sum not to include labor or material used in correction of faults in equipment.

FISCAL NOTE

By increasing the cost of the sticker to 30c, revenue from this source would be approximately \$600,000 for the biennium. The inspection station owner under present law realizes a gross return on each safety inspection of 90c. With this change his gross return would be \$2.20.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Present fee structure does not adequately reimburse official inspection stations for the time required to conduct a proper safety inspection of vehicles. Licensing of official inspection stations each year is unnecessary and expensive. Existing law requires the inspection station to "stock a sufficient number of stickers to meet their demands at all times" yet makes no provision for refunds for unused stickers unless the station's license is suspended or renewal is denied by the Chief of the State Police.