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Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Current Certificate of Inspection.

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

R. S., T. 29, § 2123, amended. Section 2123 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 474 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended by adding after the first sentence a new sentence to read as follows:

Any person found operating a vehicle, that does not bear a current and valid certificate of inspection or fails to produce the same on demand of any police officer, shall not be convicted for such violation if he has said vehicle inspected and exhibits to a law enforcement officer designated by the summonsing officer such valid inspection not later than 12 hours from the time of such summons being issued.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide a grace period of 12 hours for an owner or operator who is stopped by a police officer for failing to have a current certificate of inspection. It is the intent of this bill to suspend the penalty requirements of the Revised Statutes, Title 29, section 2123 until after the expiration of the 12-hour grace period.