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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1088

S. P. 329

In Senate, March 23, 1977

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Concerning the Expiration of Motor Vehicle Inspection Stickers.

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

29 MRSA § 2123, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 731, § 61, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 2123. Penalties

1. **Penalties.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 17-A, section 4, whoever violates or fails to comply with any provision of sections 1369 and 2122 to 2126, or any rules or regulations established thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both, except as provided in subsection 2.

2. **Warnings.** The owner or operator of a vehicle operated with an expired inspection sticker in violation of section 2122-A during the first month immediately after the expiration of the inspection sticker shall not be issued a summons to court but shall be issued a warning in a form to be designated by the Chief of the State Police. This warning shall state that the owner or operator shall within 2 business days therefrom cause the vehicle to be inspected in accordance with this chapter and that the person inspecting the vehicle shall sign the warning notice and forward it to the Chief of the State Police. Failure to comply with the provisions of a warning issued pursuant to this subsection shall constitute a violation of this section punishable in accordance with subsection 1.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would provide that persons operating or permitting the operation of a vehicle without a valid inspection sticker would receive a warning if the

violation occurred during the month immediately following the expiration of the sticker. Persons found violating the motor vehicle inspection laws for longer than one month or who fail to comply with the provisions of a warning issued to them would be subject to the penalties set out in the current law governing motor vehicle inspection stickers.