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3 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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5 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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7 Legislative Document

No. 1161

9 H.P. 911

House of Representatives, March 10, 1983

10 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pur-
11 suant to Joint Rule 27.

12 Received by the Clerk of the House on March 10, 1983 and referred to
the Committee on Transportation, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule
14.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Carroll of Limerick.

13 Cosponsor: Representative Strout of Corinth.

14 STATE OF MAINE
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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19 AN ACT to Provide for Voluntary
20 Inspection of Trailers and Semitrailers
21 under the Motor Vehicle Laws.
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23 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
24 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
25 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

26 Whereas, the 90-day period would cause undue
27 hardship on Maine operators who must operate semi-
28 trailers into or through Pennsylvania; and

29 Whereas, as a result of a court ruling that Penn-
30 sylvania was justified in legislating a requirement
31 that vehicles shall be inspected to travel in that
32 state; and

1 Whereas, Maine has no current provision to
2 inspect trailers or semitrailers, Maine operators
3 have no way to avoid court action on entering Penn-
4 sylvania; and

5 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
6 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
7 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
8 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
9 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
10 therefore,

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

13 29 MRSA §2519-A is enacted to read:

14 §2519-A. Inspection of trailers and semitrailers

15 Inspection stations licensed by the State Police
16 may offer inspections to operators of trailers and
17 semitrailers at their request.

18 These vehicles shall be inspected for the follow-
19 ing items: Valid registration certificate and plate;
20 brakes; suspension; wheels and axles; tires; air sys-
21 tem; lights and reflectors; and splash guards.

22 The inspection sticker being provided for issu-
23 ance to motor vehicles shall be issued when a vehicle
24 satisfactorily passes the required inspection. The
25 sticker, when issued to trailers and semitrailers,
26 shall be issued to expire on the last day of the
27 month one year from the day of issue. The Chief of
28 the State Police may devise a special sticker and
29 provide for an inspection period of one year. Inspec-
30 tion stations shall pay the same fee to the State
31 Police for inspection stickers.

32 Inspection stickers issued to trailers and semi-
33 trailers shall be carried on or in the vehicle.

34 Licensed inspection stations desiring to offer
35 inspection to trailers and semitrailers shall notify
36 the State Police of their desire to conduct the
37 inspections and receive written approval before per-
38 forming those inspections.

1 The fee charged by these inspection stations
2 shall not exceed their hourly labor charge. Only
3 truck qualified mechanics may perform trailer or
4 semitrailer inspections.

5 All laws and rules applying to motor vehicle
6 inspections, pertaining to the license holder,
7 inspection mechanic and the State Police, shall apply
8 to the inspection process for trailers and semitrail-
9 ers.

10 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency
11 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect
12 when approved.

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 The intent of this bill is reflected in the emer-
15 gency preamble.

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