

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1681

S.P. 633

In Senate, April 24, 1991

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

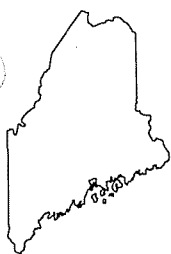
Presented by Senator MILLS of Oxford
Cosponsored by Representative BOUTILIER of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws.

(AFTER DEADLINE)



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

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3 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §354, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 1981, c.
4 437, §8, is further amended to read:

6 B. For purposes directly connected with the business of
7 buying, servicing, selling, demonstrating or exchanging of
8 those vehicles, including driving vehicles to auction sites
9 and transporting dealership personnel to training sessions
10 or meetings;

12 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §2503, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
13 410, §3, is repealed.

14 Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §2507-A, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by
15 PL 1989, c. 481, Pt. A, §43, is amended to read:

18 1. Motor vehicles required to meet standard. Except as
19 provided in section 2507 regarding vehicles requiring body
20 repair, ~~ne~~ a dealer or holder of a transporter registration
21 certificate in new or used motor vehicles may not permit any
22 vehicle under the dealer's or holder's ownership or control to be
23 sold or transferred to another person or legal entity for
24 operation upon the highways unless the vehicle meets the
25 inspection standards required by section 2503 and the rules
26 promulgated ~~thereunder~~ under that section and has displayed
27 thereon on the vehicle a valid certificate of inspection issued
28 during the last 60 days prior to the date of sale or transfer.
29 New vehicles in dealership inventory may be operated on the
30 highway without an inspection sticker.

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33 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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35 This bill allows the use of dealer registration plates while
36 driving vehicles to auction sites and transporting dealership
37 personnel to meetings related to training and operation of the
38 dealership.

40 This bill repeals the law regarding the inspection standards
41 for a catalytic converter. Catalytic converters remain subject
42 to inspection standards promulgated by the Chief of the State
43 Police pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, section
44 2503, subsection 1.

46 This bill also allows dealers to demonstrate and use new
47 motor vehicles that have not been previously registered or titled
48 without requiring inspection stickers. This applies only to new
49 vehicles and will avoid the process of changing inspection
50 stickers on new vehicles that remain in inventory for an extended
51 period of time. This does not change inspection law requirements
52 for new vehicles when they are sold and titled.