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H.P. 930

House of Representatives, April 12, 1995

An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Program.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

2	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
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6	Whereas, current law requires that, after July 1, 1994, cars registered in certain counties must be inspected biennially for
8	air pollution emissions; and
	Whereas, many of the details, standards and criteria
10	necessary to conduct the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Program have not yet been established; and
12	Whereas, these details, standards and criteria will have a
14	significant impact on residents of the State, including, but not limited to, owners of older automobiles and sellers of used
16	automobiles; and
18	Whereas, it is essential that the Legislature be involved in working out these details of the program; and
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	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
22	create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
24	necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
26	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
30	Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §2402, sub-§4, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 818, §2, is repealed.
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32	Sec. 2. Request waiver to lower repair costs. The Governor shall request that the United States Environmental Protection Agency
34	grant a waiver to the State to lower the repair cost limit established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section
36	2403, subsection 4.
38	Sec. 3. Diesel testing. The Department of Environmental Protection shall establish an emission testing program for motor
40	vehicles that operate on diesel fuel. The program must include
42	testing for emissions and opacity.
42	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
44	preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
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48	STATEMENT OF FACT
*1/	This bill repeals that part of the motor vehicle emission
50	law that exempts vehicles over 10,000 pounds from having to take the test. The bill also directs the Governor to request a

federal waiver to lower the repair cost limit. The bill directs
the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a program
for testing motor vehicles that operate on diesel fuel.