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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
117TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 661, L.D. 1721, "Resolve, to Form a Task Force to Examine Methods of Reimbursing Automobile Owners for Emissions Testing and Consequent Repair Costs"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, to Form a Task Force to Examine Methods of Reimbursing Automobile Owners for Emissions Testing'**

Further amend the resolve in the emergency preamble in the 2nd whereas paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 6 in resolve) by striking out the following: "and incurred repair costs"

Further amend the resolve in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 5th whereas paragraph (page 1, lines 17 to 19 in resolve).

Further amend the resolve in the emergency preamble in the 6th whereas paragraph in the 3rd and 4th lines (page 1, lines 23 and 24 in resolve) by striking out the following: "and to search for possible ways to alleviate the costs of any possible future testing program"

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the 5th line (page 1, line 39 in resolve) by inserting after the following: "for" the following: 'test fee' and in the 6th and 7th lines (page 1, lines 40 and 41 in resolve) by striking out the following: "and methods of alleviating costs for any possible future testing program"

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 661, L.D. 1721

2 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 5  
and inserting in its place the following:

4 'Sec. 5. Study subject. Resolved: That the task force shall  
explore methods of reimbursing motor vehicle owners who paid one  
6 or more test fees to CarTest for auto emissions testing.

8 The task force may hold 4 meetings to accomplish its  
objectives. In exploring methods of reimbursing costs paid for  
10 previous testing programs, the task force shall consider all  
feasible funding mechanisms including mechanisms such as allowing  
12 credits or deductions on individual income taxes or vouchers that  
may be used to pay state taxes on motor vehicles or the state  
14 portion of motor vehicle registration or driver license  
registrations. The task force shall also explore whether funding  
16 is available from the environmental justice program within the  
United States Environmental Protection Agency regarding the  
18 effect on elderly and low-income persons. Any method of funding  
recommended by the task force may not result in the shifting of  
20 costs to municipalities; and be it further'

22 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 9  
and inserting in its place the following:

24 'Sec. 9. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are  
26 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of  
this resolve.

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32 Task Force to Provide for Reimbursement  
34 of Auto Emissions Testing Costs

36	Personal Services	\$880
38	All Other	1,900
40	TOTAL	<u>\$2,780</u>

42 Provides funds for the per diem and expenses  
of legislative members, expenses of certain  
44 other members and miscellaneous costs of the  
Task Force to Provide for Reimbursement of  
46 Auto Emissions Testing Costs.'

48 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the  
statement of fact the following:

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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

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General Fund

\$2,780

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The resolve provides a General Fund appropriation of \$2,780 in fiscal year 1995-96 for the Legislature for the per diem and expenses of legislative members, expenses of certain other members and miscellaneous costs of the Task Force to Provide for Reimbursement of Auto Emissions Testing Costs.

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The Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of the Secretary of State will incur some minor additional costs to participate in the task force. These costs can be absorbed within the departments' existing budgeted resources.'

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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This amendment limits the scope of the Task Force to Provide for Reimbursement of Auto Emissions Testing Costs to studying methods of reimbursing motor vehicle owners for test fees paid for the emissions testing program repealed in 1995 and appropriates funds for the task force. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

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