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H.P. 1196

House of Representatives, April 1, 1997

An Act Regarding Low Emission and Zero Emission Vehicles.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin and
Representatives: SHIAH of Bowdoinham, TOWNSEND of Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §585-D**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 358, §1, is
5 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 **§585-D. New motor vehicle standards**

7 The board shall adopt rules setting forth standards for new
8 motor vehicles sold in the State. The rules must require sale of
9 the same type of low-emission vehicle and must include the same
10 requirement for zero-emission vehicles as is required by statute
11 or regulation in the State of California. The rules apply to all
12 1999 model year passenger cars and light duty trucks sold,
13 leased, offered for sale or lease, delivered, purchased, rented,
14 acquired or received in the State, except vehicles specified in
15 the rules as exempt. The rules may not require sale or use of
16 any type of reformulated gasoline other than the federal
17 reformulated gasoline that is certified by the United States
18 Environmental Protection Agency under 42 United States Code,
19 Section 7545(k) for sale and use in states other than
20 California. Rules adopted under this section are major
21 substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
22 II-A.

23 The department shall conduct a study of zero-emission
24 vehicle technology and issues relating to the implementation and
25 use of those vehicles in the State. The department shall submit
26 a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
27 having jurisdiction over air quality matters no later than
28 November 15, 2001.

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31 **SUMMARY**

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33 This bill repeals the current law authorizing the Board of
34 Environmental Protection to adopt rules requiring the sale of
35 low-emission vehicles and replaces it with a section of law
36 requiring the board to adopt rules requiring the sale of
37 low-emission vehicles and zero-emission vehicles for 1999 model
38 year vehicles. The rules must require sale of the same vehicles
39 as are required under California law and regulations. The bill
40 also requires the Department of Environmental Protection to study
41 zero-emission vehicle technology and implementation of
42 zero-emission vehicle use in the State and to submit a report to
43 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
44 jurisdiction over air quality matters by November 15, 2001.
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