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## 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 9, 1999

An Act to Repeal the Enhanced Inspection Requirements for Motor Vehicles Registered in Cumberland County.

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

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland. Cosponsored by Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, CLOUGH of Scarborough, FOSTER of Gray, LABRECQUE of Gorham, MACK of Standish, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, McKENNEY of Cumberland, USHER of Westbrook.

4	Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1751, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 786, §1, is repealed.
6	Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1751, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1997, c. 786, §2, is further amended to read:
8 10	3. Inspection fee. The inspection fee is as-fellows+ \$6 for each inspection.
12	ABefere-January-1,-1999,-the-fee-is-\$6;
14	BBeginning-Januaryl1999the-fee-for-an-inspection under-subsection-2-is-\$6-50+
16 18	GFrom-January-1,-1999-to-December-31,-1999,-the-fee-fer an-enhanced-inspection-under-subsection-2-A-is-\$9-50,-and
20	DBeginning-January-1,2000,thefee-for-an-enhanced
22	inspection-under-subsection-2-A-is-\$9.50-for-each-inspection performed-on-pre-1996-models-and-\$12.50-for-each-inspection performed-on-1996-and-subsequent-models.
24	The inspection fee is payable whether the vehicle passes
26	inspection or not.
30	Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1751, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 786, §3, is repealed.
32	Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §1756, sub-§§6 and 7, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 786, §4, are repealed.
34	Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §1762, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 786, §5, is repealed.
36	Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §1766, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1997, c.
38	786, §6 and affected by §14, is further amended to read:
40	3. Fee. Stickers are furnished by the Chief of the State Police at $$1.59$ $$1$ each.
42	Sec. 7 38 MDSA 8585-C as appeted by BL 1007 c 786 89
44	Sec. 7. 38 MRSA §585-G, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 786, §8, is repealed.
46	Sec. 8. PL 1997, c. 786, §§9 to 12 are repealed.
48	Sec. 9. Reimbursement of costs of testing equipment. The Chief of the State Police shall reimburse an official inspection station

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

located in Cumberland County the costs of any equipment purchased by that station to accomplish the enhanced motor vehicle inspection required by the Maine Revised Statutes, former Title 29-A, section 1751, subsection 2-A in accordance with the procedure established pursuant to this section.

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- 1. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings.
- 10 A. "Chief" means the Chief of the State Police or the designee of the Chief of the State Police.

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- B. "Equipment" means equipment purchased by an inspection station to enable the station to accomplish the enhanced motor vehicle inspection required by former Title 29-A, section 1751, subsection 2-A.
- C. "Inspection station" means an official inspection station located in Cumberland County.

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- D. "Program" means the reimbursement program described in this section.
- 2. Within 30 days following the effective date of this Act, the chief shall notify in writing all inspection stations of the availability of the program.
- 3. Within 90 days following the notification provided pursuant to subsection 2, any inspection station wishing to participate in the program shall notify the chief of the cost of the equipment purchased. All claims must be accompanied by a copy of the receipt or other evidence of the purchase price determined sufficient by the chief.

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Only equipment that was purchased for the sole purpose 36 of enabling the inspection station to offer the enhanced inspection required by former Title 29-A, section subsection 2-A is eligible for reimbursement. If the chief 38 determines that the equipment may be used wholly for another 40 purpose by the inspection station in the inspection stations's regular course of business, then no reimbursement may be 42 provided. If the chief determines that the equipment may be used partially for another purpose by the inspection station in the regular 44 inspection station's course of business, reimbursement may be provided only for that portion of the cost 46 of the equipment that is unusable by the inspection station in its regular course of business. The decision of the chief is final and no appeal may be made. 48

5. Within 10 days of the chief's decision, the chief shall provide to the inspection station written notice of the chief's decision and a check for any reimbursement due pursuant to this program.

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## **SUMMARY**

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This bill repeals the enhanced inspection requirements for motor vehicles registered in Cumberland County, instead requiring those vehicles to meet the same inspection standards as vehicles registered in other counties in the State.

The bill also requires the Chief of the State Police to provide reimbursement of the cost of any equipment purchased by an inspection station in Cumberland County to allow the station to provide an enhanced inspection.