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## 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## **SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2000**

Legislative Document

No. 2438

H.P. 1732

House of Representatives, January 10, 2000

An Act to Clarify Repair and Inspection Standards for Punctured Tires.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SKOGLUND of St. George. Cosponsored by Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, PIEH of Bremen, SHIAH of Bowdoinham.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follo	se it	enacted	by the	People o	f the State	of Maine a	s follow
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	Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1756, sub-§8 is enacted to read:					
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	8. Inspection standards for tire. A tire that has been					
6	repaired with a tire plug only may not fail inspection solely for					
	that reason. When performing an inspection of a tire that has					
8	been repaired by use of a tire plug only, unless there is other					
	evidence of an unsafe condition it is not necessary to remove the					
10	tire from the rim to perform the inspection.					

Sec. 2. Tire repair standards. The Chief of the State Police may not require that a repair of a punctured tire include more than a tire plug or that the repair facility remove the tire from the rim to effect the repair if the tire can be repaired using a tire plug only.

## 20 SUMMARY

Current motor vehicle inspection rules as adopted by the Chief of the State Police require the rejection of tire repairs that are made by use of a tire plug only. Tire repairs must be done by removing the punctured tire from the rim, inspecting the tire casing and applying a vulcanizing patch and tire plug. The rules also require inspections to punctured tires to be made by removing the tire from the rim.

This bill prohibits an inspection facility from failing a tire's safety inspection solely on the grounds that the tire was repaired using a tire plug only. This bill also prohibits the facility from removing a plugged tire from a rim for inspection purposes unless there is some other indication of an unsafe condition.

This bill also prohibits the Chief of the State Police from adopting a rule that requires a repair to a punctured tire be made by removing the tire from the rim if it is not necessary to do so in order to repair the tire.