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No. 1813

S.P. 629

In Senate, May 24, 2001

An Act to Amend the Clean Car Incentives Pilot Program.

Reported by the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources pursuant to Joint Order,
S.P. 586

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

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

4 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §393, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

6 1-A. Automobile scrapper. "Automobile scrapper" means a
8 person engaged in the business of scrapping automobiles as
10 defined in rules adopted by the Board of Environmental Protection
12 within the Department of Environmental Protection. An automobile
14 scrapper may include, but is not limited to, an automobile
16 graveyard, an automobile recycling business or a junkyard, as
18 those terms are defined in Title 30-A, section 3752.

20 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §394, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

22 4-A. Payments to automobile scrappers. To the extent funds
24 are available in the fund, the department shall pay an automobile
26 scrapper up to \$350 for each high-pollution vehicle scrapped
28 under the program. Payments must be made directly to the
30 automobile scrapper upon receipt of a invoice and a certificate
32 of verification that the high-pollution vehicle was scrapped.

34 **Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1023-K, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 1999, c.
36 684, §4, is further amended to read:

38 **4. Accounts within fund.** The authority may divide the fund
40 into separate accounts as it determines necessary or convenient
42 for carrying out this section, including, but not limited to,
44 accounts reserved for direct loan funds and accounts reserved for
46 funds for the redemption of vouchers and payments to automobile
48 scrappers in accordance with section 394, subsectien subsections
50 4 and 4-A.

Sec. 4. Emergency rulemaking. The Board of Environmental
Protection within the Department of Environmental Protection
shall adopt emergency rules no later than 15 days after the
effective date of this Act to amend Chapter 147 of its rules to
establish the standards and process for making payments to
automobile scrappers under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10,
section 394, subsection 4-A. The board also shall provide a
definition of "automobile scrapper" in accordance with Title 10,
section 393, subsection 1-A. Rules adopted under this section
are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
subchapter II-A.

FISCAL NOTE

The Board of Environmental Protection within the Department
of Environmental Protection will incur some minor additional
costs to adopt certain rules pertaining to automobile scrappers.
In addition, the Finance Authority of Maine will incur some minor

2 additional costs to account for funds associated with payments to
automobile scrappers. These costs can be absorbed within the
board's and the authority's existing budgeted resources.

6 SUMMARY

8 This bill is the majority report of the Joint Standing
Committee on Natural Resources.

10 This bill amends the Clean Car Incentives Pilot Program to
12 allow money in the Clean Fuel Vehicle Fund to be used to pay
automobile scrappers up to \$350 for each high-pollution vehicle
14 scrapped under the program. The term "automobile scrapper" is to
be defined in rules adopted by the Board of Environmental
16 Protection and may include, but it not limited to, an automobile
graveyard, an automobile recycling business or a junkyard, as
18 those terms are defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
30-A, section 3752.

20 The bill also directs the Board of Environmental Protection
22 to adopt emergency routine technical rules to define automobile
scrappers and to establish the process for making payments to
24 automobile scrappers.