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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1113, L.D. 1520, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1769, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1999, c. 183, §4, is amended to read:

2. Review of rules by Legislature. Rules adopted under this section are major--substantive routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A 2-A.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1925 is enacted to read:

§1925. Nitrous oxide system

1. Definition. For the purposes of this section, "nitrous oxide system" means a device installed in a motor vehicle that allows nitrous oxide to combine with gasoline for the purpose of increasing engine power.

2. Use prohibited. Except as provided in subsection 3, a person may not operate a motor vehicle that is equipped with a nitrous oxide system on a public way.

2 3. Exceptions. A person may operate a motor vehicle
equipped with a nitrous oxide system on a public way if:

4 A. All canisters of nitrous oxide have been removed from
the vehicle; or

6 B. The motor vehicle is en route to or from a track where
the motor vehicle is used for racing and:

10 (1) The nitrous oxide system is made inoperative by
disconnecting the line feeding nitrous oxide to the
12 engine; or

14 (2) All containers of nitrous oxide have been removed
from the motor vehicle.'

16 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 8.

18 Further amend the bill in section 10 by striking out all of
20 paragraph B (page 3, lines 20 to 23 in L.D.) and inserting in its
place the following:

22 'B. Within 5 days from the time of notification of the
24 accident, transmit the original written report or an
electronic report containing all available information to
26 the Chief of the State Police.'

28 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
30 consecutively.

32 **SUMMARY**

34 This amendment changes the designation of rules adopted by
36 the Chief of the State Police and authorized under the Maine
Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1769 to routine technical
38 rules. The amendment changes the definition of "power booster
system" to "nitrous oxide system." It also allows a person to
40 operate a motor vehicle with a nitrous oxide system on a public
way if all canisters of nitrous oxide have been removed from the
42 vehicle. The amendment also strikes language in the bill that
would double the normal fine for speeding 20 or more miles over
44 the maximum speed limit if a passenger in the speeding vehicle is
required to be transported in a child restraint system.

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48 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
(See attached)



**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

LD 1520

An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

LR 1875(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes a new Class E crime.