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Act

L.D. 1571

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1109, L.D. 1571, Bill, "An Act To Allow Certain Modifications of Motor Vehicles"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

A. The use of tires that are no more than 2 sizes larger than the manufacturer's recommended size sizes;

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1920, as amended by PL 2003, c. 144, §1, is further amended to read:

§1920. Vehicle frame height

1. Minimum and maximum frame end heights. A motor vehicle may not be operated on a public way or receive a certificate of inspection with a frame end height of less than 10 inches or with the frame end height lower than the vehicle was originally manufactured if originally manufactured to be less than 10 inches. A motor vehicle may not be operated on a public way or receive a certificate of inspection with a maximum frame end height based on the manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating that is greater than:

~~A. -- For an automobile, 22 inches in the front and rear;~~

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2 B. For a vehicle of 4,500 pounds and less, 24 inches in the
front and 26 inches in the rear;

4 C. For a vehicle of 4,501 pounds to 7,500 pounds, 27 inches
6 in the front and 29 inches in the rear; and

8 D. For a vehicle of 7,501 pounds to 10,000 pounds, 28
inches in the front and 30 inches in the rear.

10 Measurements must be taken from a level surface to the bottom of
12 the frame end. For the purposes of this subsection, "frame end"
14 means the point at which the frame rail terminates at the bumper
assembly.

16 2. **Modifications.** A vehicle may not be modified to cause,
18 under normal operation, the vehicle body or chassis to come into
20 contact with the ground, expose the fuel tank to damage from
22 collision or cause the wheels to come in contact with the body.
The suspension and tire sizes of a vehicle may be modified
pursuant to this chapter and rules established by the Chief of
the State Police.

24 3. **Suspension.** An Except as provided in this subsection or
in subsection 2, an original suspension system may not be
26 disconnected. This section does not prohibit the installation of
heavy duty equipment, including shock absorbers and overload
28 springs, or prohibit a person from operating on a public way a
motor vehicle with normal wear of the suspension system if normal
30 wear does not affect control of the vehicle.'

32 **SUMMARY**

34 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides
36 that a motor vehicle may be modified, including the suspension
and tires.

38 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
40 (See attached)



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor cost increase - Highway Fund