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An Act To Repeal the Motor Vehicle Inspection Laws

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative VAUGHAN of Durham.
Cosponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot and
Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CEBRA of Naples, HANLEY of Gardiner, SAVIELLO
of Wilton, THOMAS of Ripley.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1471, sub-§6-A**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §19
3 and as affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is further amended to read:

4 **6-A. Reconstructable motor vehicle.** "Reconstructable motor vehicle" means a
5 used motor vehicle that ~~does not meet the inspection standards as set forth in Title 29-A,~~
6 ~~section 1751, and that~~ is sold, offered for sale or negotiated for sale to a person other than
7 another dealer for the purpose of transportation after repair or rebuilding.

8 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1474, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §20 and
9 as affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is further amended to read:

10 **1. Warranty content.** A dealer warrants that the motor vehicle the dealer sells,
11 negotiates the sale of, offers for sale or transfers to a person other than another dealer ~~has~~
12 ~~been inspected in accordance with Title 29-A, section 1751, and with the rules~~
13 ~~promulgated under that section:~~ has met the inspection standards in Title 29-A, section
14 1756.

15 ~~A. That the motor vehicle is in the condition and meets the standards required by~~
16 ~~that law and the rules; or~~

17 ~~B. If the motor vehicle is a reconstructable motor vehicle, that the motor vehicle is~~
18 ~~in the condition specified in the disclosure statement affixed to the vehicle as required~~
19 ~~by subsection 4.~~

20 **Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1474, sub-§4, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 429, §4, is
21 amended to read:

22 G. In addition to the penalties described in section 1477, any violation of ~~subsection~~
23 ~~1, paragraph B, and~~ this subsection shall be a Class E crime.

24 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §458-B, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 321, §4 and as
25 affected by §6, is repealed.

26 **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §470, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 125, §1, is amended
27 to read:

28 **2. Equipment standards.** An experimental motor vehicle ~~is exempt from inspection~~
29 ~~requirements under section 1751 but~~ must comply with the equipment standards of
30 chapter 17 to include at a minimum: body components, an exhaust system, reflectors,
31 running gear, tires, a horn, lights, directional signals, brakes, a steering mechanism,
32 windshield wipers, safety seat belts and rearview mirrors.

33 **Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §517, sub-§1-B**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 490, Pt. D, §1, is
34 amended to read:

35 **1-B. Low-speed vehicle.** A low-speed vehicle loaned by a dealer to a municipality
36 is exempt from registration fees ~~and is not subject to inspection pursuant to section 1752~~

1 but must be registered and must be in compliance with equipment provisions under
2 section 1925.

3 **Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §525, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and
4 as affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed.

5 **Sec. 8. 29-A MRSA §1751**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 234, §§1 and 2, is
6 repealed.

7 **Sec. 9. 29-A MRSA §1752**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 314, §§7 to 9, is repealed.

8 **Sec. 10. 29-A MRSA §1753, sub-§4, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A,
9 §2 and as affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

10 C. Any mobile home, empty storage trailer or empty storage semitrailer displaying
11 a trailer transit plate in accordance with section 954, subsections 4 and 5; and

12 **Sec. 11. 29-A MRSA §1753, sub-§4, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A,
13 §2 and as affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed.

14 **Sec. 12. 29-A MRSA §1756, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2
15 and as affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed.

16 **Sec. 13. 29-A MRSA §1756, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 786, §4, is
17 repealed.

18 **Sec. 14. 29-A MRSA §1756, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 786, §4, is
19 repealed.

20 **Sec. 15. 29-A MRSA §1757**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and as
21 affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed.

22 **Sec. 16. 29-A MRSA §1762, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 786, §5, is
23 repealed.

24 **Sec. 17. 38 MRSA §2402**, as repealed by PL 1995, c. 49, §2 and as repealed by c.
25 50, §2 and as amended by c. 65, Pt. A, §152 and as affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is
26 repealed.

27 **Sec. 18. Additional changes to law.** The Department of Secretary of State,
28 Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the
29 123rd Legislature to make changes in the Maine Revised Statutes to fully implement this
30 Act.

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SUMMARY

32 This bill repeals statutory provisions that require motor vehicles registered in the
33 State to have an annual motor vehicle inspection.