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An Act To Permit Operation of a Modified Show Vehicle on a Public Way

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Senator: SAVAGE of Knox, Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, CEBRA of Naples, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, ROSEN of Bucksport.

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§35-A, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 225, §1, is
amended to read:

35-A. Modified show vehicle. "Modified show vehicle" means a factory-produced wheel drive motor vehicle manufactured after 1949 that is equipped with modified components and that qualifies as a modified show vehicle under rules adopted by the Chief of the State Police.

8 Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §102, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

9 3. Modified show vehicle. A modified show vehicle may be operated on a public way for the purpose of participating in a modified show vehicle event, off-road competition or racing event. The Chief of the State Police shall adopt rules to allow the operation of a modified show vehicle on a public way. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1752, sub-§10, as amended by PL 2003, c. 397, §7, is
further amended to read:

16 10. Experimental motor vehicle. A vehicle registered as an experimental motor
vehicle pursuant to section 470. An experimental motor vehicle must meet minimum
18 equipment standards pursuant to section 470, subsection 2; and

19 Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §1752, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 397, §8, is
20 amended to read:

11. Low-speed vehicle. A low-speed vehicle registered pursuant to section 501,
subsection 11. A low-speed vehicle must be equipped in accordance with section 1925;
and

24 Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §1752, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Modified show vehicle. A modified show vehicle that has a partial annual
inspection consisting of the running gear, steering mechanism, brakes, exhaust system
and lights; safety glass under section 1915; and tires under section 1917, subsection 3.

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SUMMARY

The bill directs the Chief of the State Police to adopt major substantive rules to allow the operation of a modified show vehicle on a public way for the purposes of participating in a modified show vehicle event, off-road competition or racing event. The bill also provides for a limited inspection of a modified show vehicle.