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L.D. 2112

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Majority
TRANSPORTATION

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1498, L.D. 2112, Bill, "An Act To
10 Increase the Time Period for Motor Vehicle Inspections to 2 Years"

11 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the
12 summary and inserting the following:

13 'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1751, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

14 1-A. Exception; new motor vehicles. Notwithstanding subsection 1, except for a
15 commercial motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, a new motor vehicle that has had an
16 inspection under this section is not required to have another inspection until 2 years from
17 the last day of the month in which it was initially registered. For purposes of this
18 subsection, "new motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that has not been previously titled
19 and registered.

20 **Sec. 2. Report.** The Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police shall
21 undertake a comprehensive review of the department's current motor vehicle inspection
22 rules, including, but not limited to, an examination of the application process for
23 licensure, the responsibilities of inspection technicians and stations and the safety
24 inspection standards and criteria for the inspection of motor vehicles, motorcycles,
25 commercial vehicles, school buses and trailers. The department shall submit a report
26 with findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
27 having jurisdiction over transportation matters no later than January 30, 2009.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, replaces the bill and provides that a new motor vehicle, but not including a commercial vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, that has had an inspection is not required to have another inspection until 2 years from the last day of the month in which it was initially registered. The amendment also directs the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to undertake a comprehensive review of current motor vehicle inspection rules.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 2112

LR 2966(02)

An Act To Increase the Time Period for Motor Vehicle Inspections to 2 Years

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

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$117,677	\$112,438
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$137,000	\$132,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$24,500	\$24,500
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$117,677)	(\$112,438)
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$112,500)	(\$107,500)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill changes the annual inspection requirement for new motor vehicles which have had an inspection. These vehicles are not required to have another inspection until two years from the last day of the month in which they were initially registered. It is assumed that all vehicles inspected in fiscal year 2007-08 would need to be inspected in fiscal year 2008-09 since these vehicles would have one-year stickers. Based upon this assumption, there will be no fiscal impact in fiscal year 2008-09. The impact in fiscal year 2009-10 assumes new motor vehicles inspected in 2009 would not need to be inspected. The allocation of \$24,500 in both fiscal years is the cost of redesigning the inspection stickers. The loss of revenue for fiscal year 2010-11 assumes new motor vehicles inspected in 2010 would not need to be inspected, and is slightly lower than the previous year from lower projected vehicles sales. This bill will also lower fine revenue to the General Fund by \$117,677 in fiscal year 2009-10 and \$112,438 in fiscal year 2010-11 due to the reduced number of traffic infractions issued for inspection violations.