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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
124TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 37, L.D. 42, Bill, "An Act To Increase the Time Period for Motor Vehicle Inspections to 2 Years"

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

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

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

**Sec. 2. Report.** The Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, shall undertake a comprehensive review of the department's current motor vehicle inspection rules, including, but not limited to, an examination of the application process for inspection station licensees, the responsibilities of inspection technicians and stations and the safety inspection standards and criteria for the inspection of motor vehicles, motorcycles, commercial vehicles, school buses and trailers. The department shall submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than January 30, 2010. After reviewing the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature concerning the subject matter of the report.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority 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

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1 of State Police to undertake a comprehensive review of current motor vehicle inspection  
2 rules.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)



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## 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

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$93,652	\$124,870	\$124,870	\$124,870
Highway Fund	\$0	\$112,500	\$112,500	\$112,500
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$93,652)	(\$124,870)	(\$124,870)	(\$124,870)
Highway Fund	\$0	(\$112,500)	(\$112,500)	(\$112,500)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$14,078)	(\$18,770)	(\$18,770)	(\$18,770)

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Judicial Branch will experience a decrease in General Fund fine revenue due to a decrease in traffic violations. The General Fund loss is estimated to be \$93,652 in fiscal year 2009-10 and \$124,870 in fiscal year 2010-11. The corresponding decrease in Other Special Revenue Funds revenue from fine surcharges is estimated to be \$14,078 in fiscal year 2009-10 and \$18,770 in fiscal year 2010-11.

This bill changes the annual inspection requirement for new motor vehicles which have had an inspection, and will decrease Highway Fund revenues to the Department of Public Safety for motor vehicle inspection stickers by \$112,500 beginning in fiscal year 2010-11. 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 2008-09 would need to be inspected in fiscal year 2009-10 since these vehicles would have one-year stickers. Based upon this assumption, there will be no fiscal impact in fiscal year 2009-10. The impact in fiscal year 2010-11 assumes new motor vehicles inspected in 2010 would not need to be inspected. The loss of revenue for fiscal year 2011-12 assumes new motor vehicles inspected in 2010 would not need to be inspected.