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House of Representatives, January 5, 2009

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

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative WHEELER of Kittery.
Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and
Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, BRYANT of Windham, CAMPBELL of
Newfield, CASAVANT of Biddeford, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, KAENRATH of South
Portland, VALENTINO of Saco, Senator: GERZOFKY of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1751, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and
3 affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

4 **1. Inspection required.** Except as provided in this chapter or section 2307,
5 subsection 1, a motor vehicle required to be registered in this State must have an annual
6 inspection every 2 years. A person may have a motor vehicle inspected more frequently.

7 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1751, sub-§2-A**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 786, §1, is
8 amended to read:

9 **2-A. Enhanced inspection.** ~~Beginning January 1, 1999, a~~ A motor vehicle that is
10 required to be registered in Cumberland County and that is subject to inspection pursuant
11 to subsection 1 must have an annual enhanced inspection every 2 years. The following
12 equipment is subject to inspection:

13 A. Equipment subject to inspection pursuant to subsection 2;

14 B. The fuel tank cap on 1974 and subsequent models of gasoline-powered vehicles;
15 and

16 C. The on-board diagnostic system on 1996 and subsequent models. A motor vehicle
17 that is not required to be registered in Cumberland County may have an enhanced
18 inspection under this subsection.

19 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1752, sub-§4, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 314, §7, is
20 further amended to read:

21 B. Has a partial ~~annual~~ biennial inspection of the running gear, steering mechanism,
22 brakes, exhaust system and lights; safety glass under section 1915; and tires under
23 section 1917; and

24 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §1752, sub-§7, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 314, §8, is
25 further amended to read:

26 B. Has a partial ~~annual~~ biennial inspection consisting of the running gear, steering
27 mechanism, brakes, exhaust system and lights; safety glass under section 1915; and
28 tires under section 1917, subsection 3; and

29 **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §1752, sub-§8, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 125, §2 and
30 c. 397, §5, is further amended to read:

31 C. Has a partial ~~annual~~ biennial inspection of running gear, steering mechanism,
32 brakes and exhaust system and tires under section 1917, subsection 3;

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SUMMARY

34 This bill changes the annual inspection requirement for motor vehicles, except for
35 commercial vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, to a biennial inspection requirement. This
36 bill also changes the annual enhanced inspection requirement for vehicles registered in

1 Cumberland County to a biennial requirement. Finally, this bill changes the annual
2 partial inspection requirement for farm trucks, fish trucks and woods tractors to a biennial
3 requirement.

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