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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

124TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 369, L.D. 986, Bill, "An Act To Protect the Public Health and the Environment by Prohibiting the Sale of Wheel Weights Containing Lead or Mercury"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1606-A is enacted to read:

§1606-A. Wheel weights

1. Tire service. Beginning January 1, 2011, when replacing or balancing a tire on a motor vehicle required to be registered under Title 29-A, chapter 5, a person may not use a wheel weight or other product for balancing motor vehicle wheels if the weight or other balancing product contains lead or mercury that was intentionally added during the manufacture of the product.

2. Sales ban. Except as provided in subsection 3, beginning January 1, 2011, a person may not sell or offer to sell or distribute weights or other products for balancing motor vehicle wheels if the weight or other balancing product contains lead or mercury that was intentionally added during the manufacture of the product.

3. New motor vehicles. Beginning January 1, 2012, a person may not sell a new motor vehicle that is equipped with a weight or other product for balancing motor vehicle wheels if the weight or other balancing product contains lead or mercury that was intentionally added during the manufacture of the product. For purposes of this subsection, "new motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is required to be registered under Title 29-A, chapter 5 that has not been previously sold to any person except a distributor, wholesaler or motor vehicle dealer for resale.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill.

Under the amendment:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 369, L.D. 986

- 1 1. Beginning January 1, 2011, the use of lead or mercury wheel weights is prohibited
- 2 when replacing or balancing a tire on a vehicle required to be registered in the State; and
- 3 2. Beginning January 1, 2011, the sale of lead or mercury wheel weights is
- 4 prohibited, except that new motor vehicles equipped with lead or mercury wheel weights
- 5 may be sold until January 1, 2012.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 986

LR 704(02)

An Act To Protect the Public Health and the Environment by Prohibiting the Sale of Wheel Weights Containing Lead or Mercury

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

Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the number of civil suits.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to enforce the ban on wheel weights containing mercury can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.