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S.P. 369

In Senate, March 12, 2009

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

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Speaker PINGREE of North Haven and
Senators: COURTNEY of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook,
President MITCHELL of Kennebec, SIMPSON of Androscoggin, Representatives: CORNELL
du HOUX of Brunswick, WALSH INNES of Yarmouth, RICHARDSON of Warren.

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

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

3 **§1606-A. Wheel weights**

4 Beginning January 1, 2010, a person may not sell or offer to sell or distribute weights
5 or other products for balancing motor vehicle wheels if the weight or product contains
6 lead or mercury that was intentionally added during the manufacture of the product.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill prohibits the sale of wheel weights that are made with lead or mercury.