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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 141, L.D. 437, Bill, "An Act To
10 Reduce Motor Vehicle Inspection Costs"

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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

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'An Act Relating to Inspection Requirements for New Motor Vehicles'

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

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'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1754, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

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1-A. New motor vehicles exempt from inspection. A new motor vehicle owned by
17 a new vehicle dealer, as defined in section 851, subsection 9, with a dealer plate is
18 exempt from motor vehicle inspection requirements under section 1751 only if the motor
19 vehicle is operated in a manner consistent with section 1002, subsection 1, paragraphs A
20 and E. For purposes of this subsection, "new motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle of
21 the current model year or model year immediately preceding the current model year that
22 has not been previously registered or titled.

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This subsection does not allow the operation of unsafe motor vehicles on a public way.

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Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1766, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2001, c. 234, §3, is
25 further amended to read:

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3. Fee. Stickers Except as provided in subsection 3-A, stickers are furnished by the
27 Chief of the State Police at \$2.50 each.

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Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1766, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

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3-A. Fee for new vehicle dealers. Stickers furnished to a new vehicle dealer, as
30 defined in section 851, subsection 9, by the Chief of the State Police are \$3.50 each.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and provides that a new motor vehicle owned by a new vehicle dealer with a dealer plate is exempt from motor vehicle inspection requirements only if the vehicle is operated for purposes directly connected with the business of buying, selling, testing, adjusting, servicing, demonstrating or exchanging the vehicle or for use by customers for not more than 7 days to demonstrate the vehicle.

The amendment defines "new motor vehicle" as a motor vehicle of the current model year or model year immediately preceding the current model year that has not been previously registered or titled.

This amendment also increases the cost of inspection stickers for new vehicle dealers by \$1, from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per sticker.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 437

LR 1402(02)

An Act To Reduce Motor Vehicle Inspection Costs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" S-121

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No net fiscal impact

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Decreases the number of traffic infractions.

A reduction in fines will decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation proposes to exempt from motor vehicle inspection requirements new motor vehicles with dealer plates. It also increases motor vehicle inspection sticker fees purchased by new motor vehicle dealers by \$1. It is expected that the loss of Highway Fund revenue from exempting these vehicles will be offset by the increase in Highway Fund revenue from the sticker fee increase.

This legislation could potentially lead to a loss of federal highway and air grant funding. Any loss would depend upon whether or not the change in inspection requirements increased emissions and/or whether the state was able to mitigate this increase with new emission reduction strategies.