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In Senate, January 15, 2013

**An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws Governing Requisite
Tire Size**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HAMPER of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative HAYES of Buckfield.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1917, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 251, §8, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **2. Safe tires required.** A motor vehicle may not be operated on a public way unless
5 it is equipped with tires in safe operating condition. A tire mounted on a motor vehicle is
6 not considered to be in safe operating condition unless it meets the visual and tread depth
7 requirements set forth in subsections 3 and 4, ~~the overall diameter of the properly~~
8 ~~mounted and inflated tire is within 2 inches of the range of sizes recommended by the~~
9 ~~manufacturer for the model vehicle~~ and the vehicle is in compliance with the frame height
10 requirements provided in section 1920.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 The Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1920 sets standards for maximum
13 and minimum frame end height requirements for motor vehicles and the Maine Motor
14 Vehicle Inspection Manual requires that a vehicle fail inspection if a tire contacts any part
15 of the body of the vehicle. In light of these existing requirements, this bill removes a
16 provision in law that requires the overall diameter of a properly mounted and inflated tire
17 of a motor vehicle to be within 2 inches of the range of sizes recommended by the
18 manufacturer of the motor vehicle.