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S.P. 123

In Senate, February 10, 2015

An Act To Cap Fines Imposed for Certain Motor Carrier Violations

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow and
Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, CUSHING of Penobscot, DAVIS of Piscataquis,
EDGECOMB of Aroostook, HAMPER of Oxford, LANGLEY of Hancock, MASON of
Androscoggin, WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §558-A, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2013, c. 530, §4, is
3 amended to read:

4 **4. Civil violations.** A person commits a civil violation if that person violates this
5 subchapter or a rule adopted pursuant to this subchapter and the violation is discovered
6 during a compliance review as that term is defined in 49 Code of Federal Regulations,
7 Section 385.3, unless the compliance review occurs during the course of or as a result of a
8 criminal investigation. A person who violates this subsection is subject to a fine that
9 must be determined with due consideration of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety
10 Administration's uniform fine assessment program. A fine imposed may not be greater
11 than the fine amount provided in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's
12 uniform fine assessment program, and the total fine for a motor carrier with no previous
13 violation discovered during a compliance review may not exceed \$1,000.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill provides that the total fine for violations of motor carrier laws for a motor
16 carrier with no previous violation discovered during a compliance review may not exceed
17 \$1,000.