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**An Act To Ease the Financial Burden on Maine Motorists by
Repealing the Requirement That Certain Motor Vehicles Be
Inspected**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CEBRA of Naples.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: HERRICK of Paris, LOCKMAN of Amherst, SANDERSON of Chelsea,
STETKIS of Canaan, WOOD of Greene.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1471, sub-§6-A**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §19
3 and affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is further amended to read:

4 **6-A. Reconstructable motor vehicle.** "Reconstructable motor vehicle" means a
5 used motor vehicle that ~~does not meet the inspection standards as set forth in Title 29-A,~~
6 ~~section 1751, and that~~ is sold, offered for sale or negotiated for sale to a person other than
7 another dealer for the purpose of transportation after repair or rebuilding.

8 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1474, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §20 and
9 affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is further amended to read:

10 **1. Warranty content.** A dealer warrants that the motor vehicle the dealer sells,
11 negotiates the sale of, offers for sale or transfers to a person other than another dealer has
12 ~~been inspected in accordance with~~ met the inspection standards in Title 29-A, section
13 ~~1751, and with the rules promulgated under that section: 1756.~~

14 ~~A. That the motor vehicle is in the condition and meets the standards required by that~~
15 ~~law and the rules; or~~

16 ~~B. If the motor vehicle is a reconstructable motor vehicle, that the motor vehicle is in~~
17 ~~the condition specified in the disclosure statement affixed to the vehicle as required~~
18 ~~by subsection 4.~~

19 **Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1474, sub-§4, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 429, §4, is
20 amended to read:

21 G. In addition to the penalties described in section 1477, any violation of ~~subsection~~
22 ~~4, paragraph B, and this subsection shall be~~ is a Class E crime.

23 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §458-B, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 139, §3, is
24 repealed.

25 **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §470, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 125, §1, is amended
26 to read:

27 **2. Equipment.** An experimental motor vehicle ~~is exempt from inspection~~
28 ~~requirements under section 1751 but~~ must comply with the equipment standards of
29 chapter 17 to include at a minimum: body components, an exhaust system, reflectors,
30 running gear, tires, a horn, lights, directional signals, brakes, a steering mechanism,
31 windshield wipers, safety seat belts and rearview mirrors.

32 **Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §517, sub-§1-B**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 490, Pt. D, §1, is
33 amended to read:

34 **1-B. Low-speed vehicle.** A low-speed vehicle loaned by a dealer to a municipality
35 is exempt from registration fees ~~and is not subject to inspection pursuant to section 1752~~
36 but must be registered and must be in compliance with equipment provisions under
37 section 1925.

1 **Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §525, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and
2 affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed.

3 **Sec. 8. 29-A MRSA §1751,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 234, §§1 and 2, is
4 repealed.

5 **Sec. 9. 29-A MRSA §1752,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. A, §4, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 10. 29-A MRSA §1753, sub-§4, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 348, §3, is
7 repealed.

8 **Sec. 11. 29-A MRSA §1754, sub-§1-A,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 191, §1, is
9 repealed.

10 **Sec. 12. 29-A MRSA §1756, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2
11 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed.

12 **Sec. 13. 29-A MRSA §1756, sub-§6,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 786, §4, is
13 repealed.

14 **Sec. 14. 29-A MRSA §1756, sub-§7,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 786, §4, is
15 repealed.

16 **Sec. 15. 29-A MRSA §1757,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and
17 affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed.

18 **Sec. 16. 29-A MRSA §1758, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 167, §2 and
19 affected by §3 and 7, is repealed.

20 **Sec. 17. 29-A MRSA §1762, sub-§8,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 786, §5, is
21 repealed.

22 **Sec. 18. Additional changes to law.** The Department of the Secretary of State,
23 Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 128th
24 Legislature to make changes in the Maine Revised Statutes to fully implement this Act.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill repeals statutory provisions that require motor vehicles registered in the
27 State to have an annual motor vehicle inspection.