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House of Representatives, February 14, 2023

**An Act to Modify Maine Motor Vehicle Inspection Standards to  
Permit Nonstructural Corrosion That Does Not Directly Affect the  
Passenger Compartment**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative ARDELL of Monticello.  
Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and  
Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, BLIER of Buxton, BOYER of Poland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1757**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected  
3 by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

4 **§1757. Standard for rejection for nonfunctioning equipment; corrosion**

5 A motor vehicle must be rejected for violation of the inspection standard for equipment  
6 if any equipment described in section 1751, subsection 2 does not function sufficiently for  
7 the safety of the general public or is loose and not securely attached to the vehicle.

8 Notwithstanding any provision of this subchapter to the contrary, a motor vehicle may  
9 not be rejected for violation of any inspection standard for exterior, nonstructural corrosion.  
10 For purposes of this subsection, "exterior, nonstructural corrosion" means corrosion of a  
11 body component, including corrosion that has resulted in a hole or aperture in the body  
12 component, that does not compromise the integrity of the frame or any mechanical  
13 component of the motor vehicle necessary for safe operation. "Exterior, nonstructural  
14 corrosion" includes but is not limited to corrosion of a hood, trunk, hatch, door, fender,  
15 rocker panel or pickup bed. "Exterior, nonstructural corrosion" does not include corrosion  
16 that affects the interior of the motor vehicle's passenger compartment. The Chief of the  
17 State Police may adopt rules under section 1769 to facilitate the application and  
18 administration of this subsection.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill provides that a motor vehicle may not be rejected for violation of any  
21 inspection standard for exterior, nonstructural corrosion. It defines "exterior, nonstructural  
22 corrosion" to be corrosion of a body component, including corrosion that has resulted in a  
23 hole or aperture in the body component, that does not compromise the integrity of the frame  
24 or any mechanical component of the motor vehicle necessary for safe operation. The bill  
25 specifies that "exterior, nonstructural corrosion" includes but is not limited to corrosion of  
26 a hood, trunk, hatch, door, fender, rocker panel or pickup bed but does not include corrosion  
27 that affects the interior of the motor vehicle's passenger compartment. It allows the Chief  
28 of the State Police to adopt rules to facilitate the application and administration of this  
29 provision.