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An Act to Allow Mini-trucks to Be Operated on Roads in the State

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 CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor and
Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, WHITE of Guilford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§33-A** is enacted to read:

3 **33-A. Mini-truck.** "Mini-truck" means a 4-wheeled motor vehicle that:

4 A. Is able to attain a speed of at least 25 miles per hour but not more than 60 miles per
5 hour;

6 B. Does not exceed 2,000 pounds in unloaded weight;

7 C. Is powered by a 2-cylinder, 3-cylinder or 4-cylinder gasoline or electric engine; and

8 D. Meets or exceeds the motor vehicle inspection requirements of chapter 15,
9 subchapter 1.

10 "Mini-truck" does not include a low-speed vehicle.

11 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §501, sub-§14** is enacted to read:

12 **14. Mini-trucks.** The Secretary of State may issue a registration for a mini-truck upon
13 application and payment of the annual fee under subsection 1. The registrant must provide
14 a certificate of title required by section 651, proof of financial responsibility required by
15 section 1601 and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482.

16 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §652, sub-§13**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 435, §10, is further
17 amended to read:

18 **13. Certain automobiles, commercial vehicles and vehicles.** Automobiles and all
19 over-the-road commercial vehicles and mini-trucks with a model year prior to 1995, except
20 when the Secretary of State determines it is in the best interest of the State and the applicant
21 to issue a title to a vehicle with a model year prior to 1995;

22 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §2093** is enacted to read:

23 **§2093. Operation of mini-trucks**

24 A person operating a mini-truck on a public way shall comply with the provisions of
25 this chapter as they apply to the operator of an automobile. A person operating a mini-
26 truck must possess a valid Class A, Class B or Class C driver's license pursuant to section
27 1252.

28 SUMMARY

29 This bill permits mini-trucks to be operated on public ways. The mini-truck, a 4-
30 wheeled motor vehicle with a maximum speed of 60 miles per hour and a maximum weight
31 of 2,000 pounds, must be registered and meet the same inspection standards as other motor
32 vehicles in order to be operated on a public way.