

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 28, 2023

### **An Act to Modernize the State Motor Vehicle Inspection Program**

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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 WHITE of Waterville.  
Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and  
Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, ARATA of New Gloucester, CRAFTS of  
Newcastle, MONTELL of Gardiner, NUTTING of Oakland, O'CONNELL of Brewer,  
THERIAULT of Fort Kent, Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1751-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§1751-A. Electronic inspection program**

4 The Chief of the State Police may make available, but may not require the use of, an  
5 electronic inspection program for the purpose of inspections performed under this chapter.  
6 For the purposes of this section, "electronic inspection program" means a program,  
7 designated by the Chief of the State Police by rule, that uses electronically generated data  
8 as part of an inspection and permits the creation and exchange of an electronic record for  
9 maintaining inspection information.

10 **1. Implementation.** The Chief of the State Police may contract with a private entity to  
11 implement an electronic inspection program.

12 **2. Phased approach.** The Chief of the State Police may develop by rule an approach  
13 to phase in the implementation of an electronic inspection program throughout the State.

14 **3. Fee.** The Chief of the State Police may designate by rule a fee that an inspection  
15 station must pay to the State for each inspection performed using an electronic inspection  
16 program. A fee required under this subsection may not be more than the cost to the State  
17 of using the electronic inspection program to perform an inspection.

18 **4. Rules.** The Chief of the State Police shall adopt rules to implement this section.  
19 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,  
20 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill allows the Chief of the State Police to make available, but does not authorize  
23 the chief to require the use of, an electronic inspection program for the purpose of  
24 performing motor vehicle inspections.