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House of Representatives, February 9, 1939.

Referred to Committee on Motor Vehicles. Sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Emery of Bucksport.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-NINE

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**AN ACT** Relating to the Inspection of Motor Vehicles.

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

**Sec. 1. Inspection of motor vehicles, regulated.** Every person who is the owner or in control of a motor vehicle registered and operated upon the highways of the state shall submit such vehicles for semi-annual inspection as hereafter provided, to determine the proper adjustment and sufficiency of the following required equipment : brakes, lights, running gear, wheels, tires, horns, windshields, mechanical windshield wipers, rear-view mirrors, reflectors and mufflers.

Such inspection shall be made during the months of May and November of each year at an official inspection station, duly appointed and certified as such by the secretary of state. If, at the time of such inspection and before the said vehicle is again operated upon the highway, the condition of said vehicle conforms in each and every respect as required by law, an official sticker furnished by said secretary shall be placed in the upper right hand corner of the windshield or in the center of the windshield back of the rear mirror. Said inspection shall not apply to motor vehicles owned and registered in another state, provided proper proof is shown of an inspection of such motor vehicle within the period of 6 months prior thereto.

No dealer shall permit any motor vehicle owned or controlled by him

to be released for operation upon the highways until it has been inspected as hereinbefore provided and bears the proper certificate of the same.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate upon the highway any motor vehicle which has not been inspected and bears a certificate thereof.

**Sec. 2.** Upon written application giving such description of the garage property and its equipment as may be required by the secretary of state, the secretary may license official inspection stations so located as to convenience the public for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of section one hereof. No application as an official inspection station shall be made unless garage property and equipment shall comply with the provision of the secretary to wit: A garage building to be used as an inspection station shall be at least 40 feet in length and 20 feet in width, and shall have a level floor and shall be equipped with a screen or chart for the purpose of testing lights, and with tools and machinery necessary to make repairs to motor vehicles. Before granting an application for license as an official inspection station the premises shall be examined by a member of the state police, and the proprietor investigated as to his reliability and fitness for such appointment.

**Sec. 3.** The operator of any official inspection station shall conduct the inspection of motor vehicles presented to him for that purpose in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the secretary of state, for which he shall receive a fee of 50 cents for each car inspected, this sum not to include labor or material used in correcting faults in equipment.