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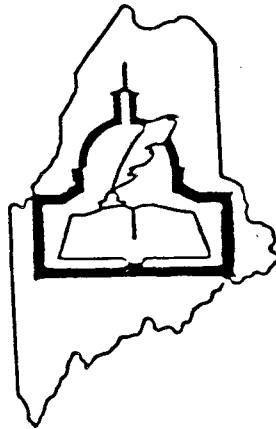
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		HOUSE	Emerg.	Enacted		
		SENATE	Emerg.	Enacted		
		GOV				
H-379	HA	THERIAULT		H	S	
H-459	SC	MACOMBER		H	S	
S-200	SA	DANTON		H	S	
S-259	SB	DANTON				
S-297	SC	DANTON		H	S	

PUBLIC
CH # 429

SUMMARY:

This bill in new draft creates a new category of used cars which are sold for transportation purposes. This new category, defined as "reconstructable motor vehicles," is created to permit used car dealers to sell so-called "mechanics specials" to consumers without an inspection sticker or warranty of inspectability. Consumers would then be required to repair the vehicle and have it inspected prior to driving it on the road. In order to assure consumers have all the material facts necessary to make a reasoned decision at a time when the information is most useful and, to protect consumers from unwittingly purchasing an unsafe car, this new draft provides for the following:

1. A separate disclosure statement affixed to the vehicle which states that a motor vehicle is currently uninspectable and unsafe and, in addition, provides the consumer with a report that lists the specific components on the motor vehicle that fail to meet the State's inspection standards;
2. A requirement that a copy of the disclosure be signed by the consumer and that a copy be given to the consumer and retained by the dealer;
3. A requirement that the motor vehicle must be towed from the dealer's premises; and
4. A separate penalty section for violations associated with the sale of reconstructable motor vehicles. This is intended to place dealers on notice that this limited exception is not to be used to circumvent the intent of the used car information law.