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An Act To Allow the Use of Mini-trucks on Public Ways

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative AYOTTE of Caswell.
Cosponsored by Representative CHIPMAN of Portland, Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: CLARK of Easton, EDGECOMB of Caribou, HAMPER of Oxford,
MARTIN of Eagle Lake, THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senators: SHERMAN of Aroostook,
THIBODEAU of Waldo, THOMAS of Somerset.

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
5 per 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;
8 and

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

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

12 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §102, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

13 **3. Limited operation of mini-trucks; beginning October 1, 2011.** The registration
14 and operation of mini-trucks in accordance with section 501, subsection 13 and section
15 2093 are authorized beginning October 1, 2011. A municipality may prohibit the use of
16 mini-trucks by municipal ordinance or restrict the use of mini-trucks in accordance with
17 section 2093, subsection 2.

18 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §501, sub-§13** is enacted to read:

19 **13. Mini-trucks.** The Secretary of State may issue a registration for a mini-truck
20 upon application and payment of an annual fee of \$35. The registrant must provide a
21 certificate of title required by section 651, proof of financial responsibility required by
22 section 1601 and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section
23 1482. A mini-truck registered under this section is issued a registration plate with the
24 word "mini-truck" instead of "Vacationland." The Secretary of State may issue a
25 facsimile plate for a 60-day period.

26 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §652, sub-§13**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 435, §10, is
27 further amended to read:

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

32 **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §2093** is enacted to read:

33 **§2093. Operation of mini-trucks**

34 A person operating a mini-truck on a public way shall comply with the provisions of
35 this chapter as they apply to the operator of an automobile and with this section.

