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An Act To Make Changes to the Motorcycle Inspection Sticker Requirements

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples and
Senators: COLLINS of York, GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, SULLIVAN of York, THOMAS
of Somerset.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1758, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 624, §2 and
3 affected by §4, is amended to read:

4 **3. Motorcycles; proof of inspection.** If a motorcycle meets the inspection standard,
5 upon payment of applicable inspection fees pursuant to section 1751, subsection 3-A a
6 valid certificate of inspection and an official inspection sticker for the motorcycle must be
7 issued. The certificate of inspection must be kept with the registration certificate of the
8 motorcycle and the official inspection sticker must be affixed to the rear of the
9 motorcycle:

10 A. On a mounting plate that must be securely fastened to the motorcycle frame or
11 similar integral component of the motorcycle; ~~or~~

12 B. On a rear fender or similar frame or integral body part of the motorcycle; or

13 C. On the registration plate.

14 The official inspection sticker must be located so that it is completely and clearly visible
15 from the rear of the motorcycle ~~and may not be affixed to the registration plate.~~ If the
16 official inspection sticker is affixed to the registration plate and the registration plate is
17 reassigned to another motorcycle pursuant to section 463, subsection 4, the certificate of
18 inspection and the official inspection sticker expire upon reassignment.

19 **Sec. 2. Motorcycle registration plates; registration sticker; direction to**
20 **the Secretary of State.** Before January 1, 2012, the Secretary of State shall design and
21 issue one registration sticker for motorcycle registration plates to be used in lieu of
22 issuing new motorcycle registration plates each calendar year as provided in the Maine
23 Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 451, subsection 3. This registration sticker must
24 clearly indicate both the year and month of registration.

25 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised
26 Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1758, subsection 3 takes effect January 1, 2012.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 Public Law 2009, chapter 624 provides that, effective January 1, 2012, an inspection
29 sticker for a motorcycle must be affixed to the rear of the motorcycle either on a
30 mounting plate or on a rear fender or similar frame or body part of the motorcycle, but
31 not on the registration plate. This bill provides that, effective January 1, 2012, an
32 inspection sticker for a motorcycle may be affixed to the registration plate. The bill also
33 provides that if an official inspection sticker is affixed to the registration plate and the
34 registration plate is reassigned to another motorcycle, the certificate of inspection and the
35 official inspection sticker expire upon reassignment.

36 Currently, the Secretary of State issues 2 stickers for motor vehicle registration, the
37 first bearing the month of issue and the 2nd bearing the year of issue, in lieu of issuing
38 new registration plates each calendar year. This bill directs the Secretary of State to
39 design one registration sticker for motorcycle registration plates, to be used in lieu of

- 1 issuing new motorcycle registration plates each calendar year. This registration sticker
- 2 must clearly indicate both the year and month of registration.