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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 30, L.D. 29, Bill, “An Act To Reduce Penalties for Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Laws”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Reduce Penalties for Operation of a Vehicle without a Certificate of Inspection'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §103, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1995, c. 584, Pt. B, §2, is further amended to read:

3. Penalty. ~~The exclusive~~ Except as otherwise provided in this Title, the penalty for a traffic infraction is a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, unless specifically authorized, or suspension of a license, or both.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1768, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

7. Operation of vehicle without certificate of inspection. An owner or operator of a vehicle required to be inspected commits a traffic infraction if that person operates that vehicle or permits that vehicle to be operated without displaying a current and valid certificate of inspection or producing the certificate on demand of a police officer. The fine for a violation of this subsection may not be less than \$25 nor more than \$100 for the first offense and may not be less than \$25 nor more than \$250 for each subsequent offense.

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1770, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, §2, is amended to read:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 **§1770. Penalties**

2 **1. General penalty.** ~~Notwithstanding Title 17-A, and unless~~ Unless otherwise
3 specified, a violation of this chapter is a Class E crime, punishable by a fine of not less
4 than \$25 nor more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both.

5 **2. Traffic infraction.** A violation of the rules adopted by the Chief of the State
6 Police pertaining to this subchapter is a traffic infraction subject to a ~~forfeiture~~ fine of not
7 less than \$25 nor more than \$250.'

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This amendment, which is the minority report, strikes the bill and instead revises the
10 fine for a violation of operation of a vehicle without a certificate of inspection. The bill
11 revises general penalties for a violation of the laws governing the inspection of motor
12 vehicles.

13 This amendment also makes technical changes.