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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 72, L.D. 221, Bill, “An Act To Make Changes to the Motorcycle Inspection Sticker Requirements”

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §405, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2005, c. 577, §9, is further amended to read:

1. Automobile, truck, truck tractor, motor home, moped, semitrailers not exceeding a gross vehicle weight of 2,000 pounds, special mobile equipment, tractor and camp trailer registration. Registration for an automobile, truck, truck tractor, motor home, ~~motoreyele~~, moped, semitrailer not exceeding a gross vehicle weight of 2,000 pounds, special mobile equipment, tractor and camp trailer is as follows.

- A. A registration expires on the last day of the month one year from the month of issuance.
- B. When an application is made after the registration for the previous year has expired, the term of the renewal begins on the month of the issuance of the previous registration.
- C. A person who has a fleet of 5 or more motor vehicles may petition the Secretary of State for a common expiration date of all vehicle registrations.

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

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

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

3 ~~B. On a rear fender or similar frame or integral body part of the motorcycle.~~

4 The official inspection sticker must be located so that it is completely and clearly visible
5 from the rear of the motorcycle ~~and may not be affixed to the registration plate.~~ If the
6 registration plate is reassigned to another motorcycle pursuant to section 463, subsection
7 4, the certificate of inspection and the official inspection sticker expire upon
8 reassignment.

9 **Sec. 3. PL 2009, c. 624, §4** is amended to read:

10 **Sec. 4. Effective date.** Those sections of this Act that amend the Maine Revised
11 Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1758 take effect ~~January~~ March 1, 2012.

12 **Sec. 4. Motorcycle registration plates; registration sticker; direction to**
13 **the Secretary of State.** Before March 1, 2012, the Secretary of State shall design and
14 issue one registration sticker for motorcycle registration plates to be used in lieu of
15 issuing new motorcycle registration plates each calendar year as provided in the Maine
16 Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 451, subsection 3. This registration sticker must
17 clearly indicate both the year and month of registration expiration.

18 **Sec. 5. Proof of inspection.** Before March 1, 2013, if a motorcycle meets the
19 inspection standard under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1751, either a
20 valid certificate of inspection or an official inspection sticker for the motorcycle is
21 acceptable proof of inspection for purposes of Title 29-A, section 1758, subsection 3.

22 **Sec. 6. Registration transition.** Motorcycle registrations issued after the
23 effective date of this Act expire on March 31, 2012. Registration fees required by the
24 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 515, subsection 1 and payment of excise tax
25 under Title 36, section 1482 must be prorated accordingly.

26 A motorcycle registration that is renewed on or after March 1, 2012 has a registration
27 period from April 1st to March 31st of the next calendar year. No portion of the fee is
28 refundable, but, beginning March 1, 2012, credit toward the registration fee and excise
29 tax must be given and registration fees required by Title 29-A, section 515, subsection 1
30 and payment of excise tax under Title 36, section 1482 must be prorated accordingly.

31 **Sec. 7. Effective date.** Those sections of this Act that amend the Maine Revised
32 Statutes, Title 29-A, section 405, subsection 1 and section 1758, subsection 3 take effect
33 March 1, 2012.'

34 **SUMMARY**

35 The amendment changes the registration period for motorcycles to a fixed registration
36 period of April 1st to March 31st of the next calendar year. The amendment also
37 provides that the registration fee and excise tax for motorcycles due for renewal in 2012
38 will be prorated accordingly.

39 The amendment provides that, beginning March 1, 2012, an inspection sticker for a
40 motorcycle must be affixed to the registration plate and not on a mounting plate or rear

1 fender or similar frame or integral body part of the motorcycle. The amendment also
2 provides that if the registration plate is reassigned to another motorcycle, the certificate of
3 inspection and the official inspection sticker expire upon reassignment.

4 The amendment changes the deadline for the Secretary of State to design one
5 registration sticker, which must clearly indicate both the year and month of registration
6 expiration, for motorcycle registration plates from January 1, 2012 to March 1, 2012.

7 The amendment also provides that before March 1, 2013, if a motorcycle meets the
8 inspection standard, either a valid certificate of inspection or an official inspection sticker
9 for the motorcycle is acceptable proof of inspection.