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An Act To Reduce Motor Vehicle Inspection Costs

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator THOMAS of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative WILLETTE of Mapleton and

Senators: COLLINS of York, KATZ of Kennebec, MASON of Androscoggin, PATRICK of Oxford, SHERMAN of Aroostook, WOODBURY of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1751, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and
3 affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

4 **1. Inspection required.** Except as provided in this chapter or section 2307,
5 subsection 1, a motor vehicle required to be registered in this State must have an ~~annual~~
6 inspection every 2 years for all vehicles under 6 year old. Vehicles over 6 years old must
7 be inspected annually. A person may have a motor vehicle inspected more frequently.

8 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1751, sub-§2-A**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 786, §1, is
9 amended to read:

10 **2-A. Enhanced inspection.** ~~Beginning January 1, 1999, a~~ A motor vehicle that is
11 required to be registered in Cumberland County and that is subject to inspection pursuant
12 to subsection 1 must have an ~~annual~~ enhanced inspection every 2 years for all vehicles
13 under 6 year old. Vehicles over 6 years old must be inspected annually. The following
14 equipment is subject to inspection:

- 15 A. Equipment subject to inspection pursuant to subsection 2;
16 B. The fuel tank cap on 1974 and subsequent models of gasoline-powered vehicles;
17 and
18 C. The on-board diagnostic system on 1996 and subsequent models.

19 A motor vehicle that is not required to be registered in Cumberland County may have an
20 enhanced inspection under this subsection.

21 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1752, sub-§10**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 397, §7, is
22 further amended to read:

23 **10. Experimental motor vehicle.** A vehicle registered as an experimental motor
24 vehicle pursuant to section 470. An experimental motor vehicle must meet minimum
25 equipment standards pursuant to section 470, subsection 2; ~~and~~

26 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §1752, sub-§11**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 397, §8, is
27 amended to read:

28 **11. Low-speed vehicle.** A low-speed vehicle registered pursuant to section 501,
29 subsection 11. A low-speed vehicle must be equipped in accordance with section 1925-;
30 and

31 **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §1752, sub-§12** is enacted to read:

32 **12. Vehicles with dealer plates.** A motor vehicle with an attached dealer plate
33 pursuant to section 1002.

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SUMMARY

This bill changes the annual inspection requirement for motor vehicles, except for commercial vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, to a biennial inspection requirement unless the motor vehicle is over 6 years old. This bill also changes the annual enhanced inspection requirement for vehicles registered in Cumberland County in a similar manner. It exempts motor vehicles with an attached dealer plate from inspection.