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House of Representatives, March 11, 2025

### **An Act to Amend the State's Vehicle Inspection Law by Requiring Inspections Biennially**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, CHAPMAN of Auburn,  
GREENWOOD of Wales, LANCE of Paris, MASON of Lisbon, WHITE of Guilford, Senator:  
HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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, subsection  
5 1, a motor vehicle required to be registered in this State must have an ~~annual~~ inspection  
6 every other year. A person may have a motor vehicle inspected more frequently.

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

9 **2-A. Enhanced inspection.** Beginning January 1, 1999, a motor vehicle that is  
10 required to be registered in Cumberland County and that is subject to inspection pursuant  
11 to subsection 1 must have an ~~annual~~ enhanced inspection every other year. The following  
12 equipment is subject to inspection:

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

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

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill provides that a motor vehicle required to be registered must have an inspection  
21 every other year. Current law requires an annual inspection.