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An Act To Require Motor Vehicle Inspections Every 2 Years

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GRIFFIN of Levant, LIBBY of Auburn, MORRIS of Turner, O'CONNOR of Berwick,
ROCHE of Wells, RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

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~~ a biennial
6 inspection. 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 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~~ a biennial enhanced inspection. 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 changes noncommercial automobile inspection requirements from an annual
21 inspection to a biennial inspection.