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### **An Act to Eliminate Certain Motor Vehicle Inspections**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, BOYER of Poland, HAGGAN of  
Hamden, WHITE of Guilford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1471, sub-§6-A**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §19 and  
3 affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is further amended to read:

4 **6-A. Reconstructable motor vehicle.** "Reconstructable motor vehicle" means a used  
5 motor vehicle that ~~does not meet the inspection standards as set forth in Title 29-A, section~~  
6 ~~1751, and that~~ is sold, offered for sale or negotiated for sale to a person other than another  
7 dealer for the purpose of transportation after repair or rebuilding.

8 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1474, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §20 and  
9 affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is further amended to read:

10 **1. Warranty content.** A dealer warrants that the motor vehicle the dealer sells,  
11 negotiates the sale of, offers for sale or transfers to a person other than another dealer has  
12 ~~been inspected in accordance with~~ met the inspection standards in Title 29-A, section 1751,  
13 ~~and with the rules promulgated under that section: 1756.~~

14 ~~A. That the motor vehicle is in the condition and meets the standards required by that~~  
15 ~~law and the rules; or~~

16 ~~B. If the motor vehicle is a reconstructable motor vehicle, that the motor vehicle is in~~  
17 ~~the condition specified in the disclosure statement affixed to the vehicle as required by~~  
18 ~~subsection 4.~~

19 **Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1474, sub-§4, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 429, §4, is  
20 amended to read:

21 G. In addition to the penalties described in section 1477, any violation of ~~subsection~~  
22 ~~4, paragraph B, and this subsection shall be~~ is a Class E crime.

23 **Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §1478, sub-§4, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §22  
24 and affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is further amended to read:

25 A. In the event that a motor vehicle subject to inspection pursuant to Title 29-A,  
26 chapter 15 is submitted by a state agency to the state auction and does not possess a  
27 valid inspection certificate that has been issued within 180 days previous to the auction,  
28 the motor vehicle is subject to inspection pursuant to Title 29-A, chapter 15. If the  
29 motor vehicle passes inspection, a current and valid inspection certificate must be  
30 affixed to the vehicle.

31 **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§47-A**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 216, §8, is  
32 further amended to read:

33 **47-A. Off-road vehicle.** "Off-road vehicle" means a motor vehicle that, because of  
34 the vehicle's design, configuration, original manufacture or original intended use, does not  
35 meet the inspection standards of chapter 15, former section 1751, the Federal Motor  
36 Vehicle Safety Standards, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's pollutant  
37 requirements or the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration's crash testing  
38 standards and that is not a moped or motorcycle.

39 **Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §458-B, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 139, §3, is  
40 repealed.

1           **Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §470, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 125, §1, is amended  
2 to read:

3           **2. Inspection and equipment Equipment**. An experimental motor vehicle is ~~exempt~~  
4 ~~from inspection requirements under section 1751~~ but must comply with the equipment  
5 standards of chapter 17 to include at a minimum: body components, an exhaust system,  
6 reflectors, running gear, tires, a horn, lights, directional signals, brakes, a steering  
7 mechanism, windshield wipers, safety seat belts and rearview mirrors.

8           **Sec. 8. 29-A MRSA §517, sub-§1-B**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 490, Pt. D, §1, is  
9 amended to read:

10           **1-B. Low-speed vehicle**. A low-speed vehicle loaned by a dealer to a municipality is  
11 exempt from registration fees ~~and is not subject to inspection pursuant to section 1752~~ but  
12 must be registered and must be in compliance with equipment provisions under section  
13 1925.

14           **Sec. 9. 29-A MRSA §517-A, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 116, §1, is amended  
15 to read:

16           Vehicles owned by an organized veterans group and used exclusively for ceremonial  
17 activities, including parades, are exempt from registration requirements and registration  
18 fees. ~~These vehicles must be inspected~~ A vehicle for which inspections are required  
19 pursuant to chapter 15, subchapter I 1 must be inspected. For purposes of this section,  
20 "organized veterans group" means the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars or an  
21 organized league of veterans of the United States Marine Corps.

22           **Sec. 10. 29-A MRSA §525, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and  
23 affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

24           **4. Exception**. A farm vehicle or farm truck formerly subject to limited inspection  
25 under former section 1752, subsections 2 and 4 is not required to have a fuel use  
26 identification decal.

27           **Sec. 11. 29-A MRSA §1751**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 234, §§1 and 2, is repealed.

28           **Sec. 12. 29-A MRSA §1752**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 165, §6, is repealed.

29           **Sec. 13. 29-A MRSA §1753, sub-§4, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 348, §3, is  
30 further amended to read:

31           D. A farm truck or a fish truck formerly exempted under former section 1752;

32           **Sec. 14. 29-A MRSA §1754, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 191, §1, is  
33 repealed.

34           **Sec. 15. 29-A MRSA §1756, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and  
35 affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed.

36           **Sec. 16. 29-A MRSA §1756, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 786, §4, is  
37 repealed.

38           **Sec. 17. 29-A MRSA §1756, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 786, §4, is  
39 repealed.

