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An Act To Increase the Time Period for Motor Vehicle Inspections to 2 Years

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

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

1. Inspection required. Except as provided in this chapter or section 2307, subsection 1, a motor vehicle required to be registered in this State must have an ~~annual~~ inspection every 2 years. A person may have a motor vehicle inspected more frequently.

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

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

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

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

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1752, sub-§4, ¶B, as amended by PL 2005, c. 314, §7, is further amended to read:

B. Has a partial ~~annual~~biennial inspection of the running gear, steering mechanism, brakes, exhaust system and lights; safety glass under section 1915; and tires under section 1917; and

Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §1752, sub-§7, ¶B, as amended by PL 2005, c. 314, §8, is further amended to read:

B. Has a partial ~~annual~~biennial inspection consisting of the running gear, steering mechanism, brakes, exhaust system and lights; safety glass under section 1915; and tires under section 1917, subsection 3; and

Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §1752, sub-§8, ¶C, as amended by PL 2003, c. 125, §2 and c. 397, §5, is further amended to read:

C. Has a partial ~~annual~~biennial inspection of running gear, steering mechanism, brakes and exhaust system and tires under section 1917, subsection 3;

SUMMARY

This bill changes the annual inspection requirement for motor vehicles, except for commercial vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, to a biennial inspection requirement. This bill also changes the annual enhanced inspection requirement for vehicles registered in Cumberland County to a biennial requirement. Finally, this bill changes the annual partial inspection requirement for farm trucks, fish trucks and woods tractors to a biennial requirement.