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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6.

Amend the bill in section 9 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 2, lines 20 to 27 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**‘2. Safe tires required.** A motor vehicle may not be operated on a public way unless it is equipped with tires in safe operating condition. A tire mounted on a motor vehicle is not considered to be in safe operating condition unless it meets the visual and tread depth requirements set forth in subsections 3 and 4 ~~and the wheel size requirements in subsection 6, the overall diameter of the properly mounted and inflated tire is within 2 inches of the range of sizes recommended by the manufacturer for the model vehicle and the vehicle is in compliance with the frame height requirements provided in section 1920.~~’

Amend the bill in section 12 in the indented paragraph in the last line (page 4, line 13 in L.D.) by inserting at the end the following: ‘For the purposes of this section, a posted sign must include language sufficiently describing the restriction or prohibition and must include the fact that a violation is a Class E crime.’

Amend the bill in section 16 by striking out all of the last blocked paragraph (page 5, lines 10 to 13 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

‘An operator of a vehicle subject to GVW restrictions bus or truck with a registered weight or gross vehicle weight rating greater than 10,000 pounds or subject to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations who fails to stop at the weighing point when the signs are operating, unless otherwise directed by a state police officer, commits a traffic infraction for which a forfeiture fine not to exceed \$500 may be adjudged.’

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

## SUMMARY

This amendment eliminates the section of the bill that provides flexibility to the State Police in taking administrative action against a motor vehicle inspection station’s license or motor vehicle inspection mechanic’s license when the inspection station or inspection mechanic violates Maine law or the rules adopted by the State Police.

The amendment further clarifies the legal requirements concerning tires and wheels.

The bill makes it a crime for a motor vehicle operator or pedestrian to knowingly refuse to follow the direction of a sign clearly posted by a law enforcement officer to temporarily close a way to vehicular traffic or to vehicles of a certain description or to divert pedestrian or vehicular traffic during a fire, accident, emergency or special event. The amendment provides that the posted sign must include language sufficiently describing the restriction or prohibition and the fact that a violation is a Class E crime.

The amendment further clarifies the law regarding signs that must be posted at weighing points designated by the Chief of the State Police or a person designated by the chief. The amendment provides that the operator of a bus or truck with a registered weight or gross vehicle weight rating greater than 10,000 pounds or subject to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations who fails to stop at a weighing point when the signs are operating commits a traffic infraction.