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## **An Act To Eliminate Certain Motor Vehicle Inspections in the State**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

G. In addition to the penalties described in section 1477, any violation of subsection 1, paragraph B, and this subsection shall be a Class E crime.

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

A. In the event that a motor vehicle subject to inspection pursuant to Title 15, subchapter 1 is submitted by a state agency to the state auction and does not possess a valid inspection certificate that has been issued within 180 days previous to the auction, the motor vehicle is subject to inspection pursuant to Title 29-A, chapter 15. If the motor vehicle passes inspection, a current and valid inspection certificate must be affixed to the vehicle.

**Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§47-A**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 577, §6, is amended to read:

**47-A. Off-road vehicle.** "Off-road vehicle" means a motor vehicle that, because of the vehicle's design and configuration, does not meet the inspection standards of chapter 15 or former section 1751 and that is not a moped or motorcycle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vehicles owned by an organized veterans group and used exclusively for ceremonial activities, including parades, are exempt from registration requirements and registration fees. ~~These vehicles must be inspected~~A vehicle for which inspections are required pursuant to chapter 15, subchapter H1 must be inspected. For purposes of this section, "organized veterans group" means the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars or an organized league of veterans of the United States Marine Corps.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Sec. 18. 29-A MRSA §1757**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed.

**Sec. 19. 29-A MRSA §1758, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 167, §2 and affected by §§3 and 7, is repealed.

**Sec. 20. 29-A MRSA §1762, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 786, §5, is repealed.

**Sec. 21. Additional changes to law.** The Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature to make changes in the Maine Revised Statutes to fully implement this Act.

## SUMMARY

This bill repeals statutory provisions requiring inspections for motor vehicles registered in the State, except that the provisions regarding inspection of commercial vehicles, trailers and semitrailers under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1753; inspection of fire trucks under Title 29-A, section 1755; and inspection by dealers and transporters under Title 29-A, section 1754 are not repealed.