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An Act to Repeal Certain Motor Vehicle Inspection Requirements

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Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, DANA of the
Passamaquoddy Tribe, GUERRETTE of Caribou, LAVIGNE of Berwick, PAUL of
Winterport.

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, including former section 1751, the Federal
36 Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's
37 pollutant requirements or the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration's crash
38 testing 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 inspection is required pursuant
19 to chapter 15, subchapter I 1 must be inspected. For purposes of this section, "organized
20 veterans group" means the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars or an organized
21 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 repealed.

24 **Sec. 11. 29-A MRSA §1751**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 234, §§1 and 2, is repealed.

25 **Sec. 12. 29-A MRSA §1752**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 165, §6, is repealed.

26 **Sec. 13. 29-A MRSA §1753, sub-§4, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 348, §3, is
27 repealed.

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29 repealed.

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 B, §5, is repealed.

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33 repealed.

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35 repealed.

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 B, §5, is repealed.

38 **Sec. 19. 29-A MRSA §1758, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 167, §2 and
39 affected by §§3 and 7, is further amended to read:

1 **3. Motorcycles; proof of inspection.** If a motorcycle meets the inspection standard,
2 ~~upon payment of applicable inspection fees pursuant to section 1751, subsection 3-A~~ a
3 valid certificate of inspection and an official inspection sticker for the motorcycle must be
4 issued. The certificate of inspection must be kept with the registration certificate of the
5 motorcycle and the official inspection sticker must be affixed to the rear of the motorcycle
6 on the registration plate.

7 The official inspection sticker must be located so that it is completely and clearly visible
8 from the rear of the motorcycle. If the registration plate is reassigned to another motorcycle
9 pursuant to section 463, subsection 4, the certificate of inspection and the official inspection
10 sticker expire upon reassignment.

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

13 **Sec. 21. Additional changes to law.** The Department of the Secretary of State
14 Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd
15 Legislature to make changes in the Maine Revised Statutes to fully implement this Act.

16 SUMMARY

17 This bill repeals statutory provisions requiring inspections for certain motor vehicles
18 in the State. It repeals statutory provisions requiring inspections for motor vehicles
19 registered in the State, except that the provisions regarding inspection of commercial motor
20 vehicles, trailers and semitrailers under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section
21 1753; inspection of fire trucks under Title 29-A, section 1755; and inspection by dealers
22 and transporters under Title 29-A, section 1754 are not repealed.