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An Act Regarding Inspection Requirements for Public Safety and Municipal Vehicles Owned by Island Communities

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative COOPER of Yarmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and
Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, SYLVESTER of Portland,
Senator: DOW of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1771** is enacted to read:

3 **§1771. Inspection of island authorized emergency vehicles**

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, an authorized emergency vehicle
5 that is owned by an island community and that is garaged and operated only on the island
6 is subject to inspection under either subsection 1 or 2, as determined by the island
7 community. As used in this section, "island community" means a municipality or portion
8 of a municipality that is located on an island that is not connected to the mainland by a
9 bridge.

10 A island community shall require an authorized emergency vehicle under this section
11 to be inspected:

12 **1. Five years or 500 miles.** At a licensed inspection station every 5 years or every
13 500 miles of use; or

14 **2. Onsite inspections.** Annually by a licensed inspection mechanic at the location
15 where the authorized emergency vehicle is customarily kept. A mechanic performing an
16 inspection under this subsection shall drive the vehicle as part of the inspection.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill allows an island community to require an emergency vehicle that is garaged
19 and operated only on the island to be inspected every 5 years or every 500 miles of use or
20 annually by a licensed inspection mechanic at the location where the vehicle is
21 customarily kept.