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**An Act To Change the Motor Vehicle Inspection Requirements To
Extend the Time between Inspections**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative COOPER of Yarmouth and
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DUTREMBLE of York,
Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, DION of Portland, EVANGELOS of Friendship,
JORGENSEN of Portland, PIERCE of Dresden.

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

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

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

7 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1751, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

8 **1-A. Exception; new motor vehicles.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, a new motor
9 vehicle that has had an inspection under this section is not required to have another
10 inspection until 4 years from the last day of the month in which it was initially registered.
11 For purposes of this subsection, "new motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that has not
12 been previously titled and registered and does not include a commercial motor vehicle,
13 trailer or semitrailer.

14 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1751, sub-§2-A**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 786, §1, is
15 amended to read:

16 **2-A. Enhanced inspection.** ~~Beginning January 1, 1999, a~~ A motor vehicle that is
17 required to be registered in Cumberland County and that is subject to inspection pursuant
18 to subsection 1 must have an ~~annual~~ enhanced inspection every 2 years. The following
19 equipment is subject to inspection:

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

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

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill changes the annual inspection requirement for motor vehicles, except for
28 commercial vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, to a biennial inspection requirement. The
29 bill provides that a new motor vehicle that has had an inspection is not required to have
30 another inspection until 4 years from the last day of the month in which it was initially
31 registered. The bill provides that a new motor vehicle does not include a commercial
32 motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer. The bill also changes the annual enhanced inspection
33 requirement for vehicles registered in Cumberland County in a similar manner.