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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 200, L.D. 284, “An Act To Provide That Inspections of New Motor Vehicles Are Valid for 2 Years”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Study Maine's Motor Vehicle Inspection Program'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission To Study Maine's Motor Vehicle Inspection Program, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 9 members as follows:

- 1. Two members appointed by the President of the Senate from the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, including one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
- 2. One member appointed by the President of the Senate representing a large-scale motor vehicle repair and maintenance business that performs motor vehicle inspections in the State;
- 3. One member appointed by the President of the Senate representing the motor vehicle rental industry;
- 4. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, including one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
- 5. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives representing a small-scale, individual or independent motor vehicle repair and maintenance business that performs motor vehicle inspections in northern Maine;

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1 6. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives representing
2 a small-scale, individual or independent motor vehicle repair and maintenance business
3 that performs motor vehicle inspections in southern Maine; and

4 7. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee.

5 The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall seek
6 recommendations from the cochairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation
7 when making appointments under this section.

8 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair
9 and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the
10 commission.

11 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all
12 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
13 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
14 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,
15 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more
16 after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been
17 made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for
18 the commission to meet and conduct its business.

19 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall review the State's motor
20 vehicle inspection program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, chapter 15,
21 subchapter 1 in order to provide recommendations regarding: whether the program should
22 continue; if the program should continue, how frequently motor vehicles should be required
23 to be inspected and whether the fee structure for the program should be changed; and any
24 other issues related to the program that may arise during the commission's review of the
25 program. The commission shall consider, at a minimum, the following topics:

26 1. Requiring inspections every 2 years and the impact of doubling inspection fees;

27 2. A simplified fee structure, including but not limited to a statewide flat-rate
28 inspection fee;

29 3. A tiered system for inspection frequency based on the age of motor vehicles and the
30 alignment of a fee structure for that tiered system;

31 4. Exempting newer motor vehicles from inspection requirements, including but not
32 limited to exemptions for a period of 3 years from the date of sale;

33 5. How the frequency of motor vehicle inspections might impact the ability of
34 inspection mechanics to evaluate whether a component will be safe until the next
35 inspection;

36 6. A review of motor vehicle inspection programs in states with similar climates to
37 this State's and a comparison of those states' available road and vehicle safety data with this
38 State's;

39 7. Any available data regarding whether people neglect care of their vehicles due to
40 overreliance on the State's motor vehicle inspection program; and

1 8. The estimated fiscal impact of any recommended changes to the State's motor
2 vehicle inspection program, including, but not limited to, the registration of rental motor
3 vehicle fleets in the State.

4 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the
5 Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission, except that
6 Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or
7 special session.

8 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 1, 2021, the commission
9 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested
10 legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The Joint Standing
11 Committee on Transportation may submit legislation for presentation to the Second
12 Regular Session of the 130th Legislature based on the report.

13 **Sec. 8. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
14 appropriations and allocations are made.

15 **LEGISLATURE**

16 **Study Commissions - Funding 0444**

17 Initiative: Allocates funds for the costs to the Legislature of the Commission to Study
18 Maine's Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

19 HIGHWAY FUND	2021-22	2022-23
20 Personal Services	\$880	\$0
21 All Other	\$1,370	\$0
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23 HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$2,250	\$0

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

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This amendment strikes and replaces the bill, changes the bill to a resolve and
29 establishes the Commission To Study Maine's Motor Vehicle Inspection Program. The
30 amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

31 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

32 **(See attached)**