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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 873, L.D. 2072, “An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Motor Vehicles”

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

A. More than ~~25~~ 35 years old or is 35 years old or less and more than 25 years old and was registered in the State as an antique vehicle prior to January 2025;

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

A. More than ~~25~~ 35 years old or is 35 years old or less and more than 25 years old and was registered in the State as an antique motorcycle prior to January 2025;

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph A in the 2nd line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "registered" the following: 'in the State'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 7.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 14 the following:

'Sec. 15. 29-A MRSA §954, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2011, c. 556, §8, is further amended to read:

5. Transporter. A garage owner, towing business, body shop, finance company, bank, motor vehicle auction business, motor vehicle rental company, recycler or repossession company licensed by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection or any public or nonprofit organization as described in section 951, subsection 4 may be issued transporter plates and a license to transport a vehicle owned by or in the custody of that owner or business.

A. The holder may use this plate only if the vehicle is accompanied by the owner or the owner's employee.

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- 1 B. A transporter plate may not be:
2 (1) Used in lieu of registration plates;
3 (2) Loaned to another;
4 (3) Used for personal reasons; or
5 (4) Used on a towing vehicle, except for a drive-away saddlemount vehicle
6 transporter combination.'

7 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 23.

8 Amend the bill by inserting after section 31 the following:

9 '**Sec. 32. 29-A MRSA §2081, sub-§4, ¶A-1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 364, §1
10 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

11 A-1. The requirements of subsection 3-A do not apply to a driver or passenger who
12 has a medical condition that, in the opinion of a licensed physician, physician assistant,
13 nurse practitioner or registered nurse, warrants an exemption from the requirements of
14 subsection 3-A and that medical condition and opinion are documented by a certificate
15 from that licensed physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or registered nurse.
16 That certificate is valid for the period designated by the licensed physician, physician
17 assistant, nurse practitioner or registered nurse, which may not exceed 6 years. The
18 Secretary of State may issue a removable windshield placard that is visible to law
19 enforcement officers to a person with a certificate from a licensed physician, physician
20 assistant, nurse practitioner or registered nurse. A removable windshield placard is a
21 2-sided permit designed to hang from the rearview mirror when the vehicle is in motion
22 without obstructing the view of the operator. The placard must be displayed by hanging
23 it from the rearview mirror so that it may be viewed from the front and rear of the
24 vehicle when the vehicle is in motion. If the vehicle is not equipped with a rearview
25 mirror, the placard must be displayed on the dashboard. The placard must be
26 identifiable as a seat belt placard as designed by the Secretary of State. A placard issued
27 to a person under this paragraph expires when the licensed physician's, physician
28 assistant's, nurse practitioner's or registered nurse's certificate expires.'

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

31 SUMMARY

32 This amendment does the following.

33 1. It clarifies the definition of "antique auto" in the bill to mean an automobile or truck
34 manufactured in or after model year 1916 that is more than 35 years old or is 35 years old
35 or less and more than 25 years old and was registered in the State as an antique vehicle
36 prior to January 2025.

37 2. It clarifies the definition of "antique motorcycle" in the bill to mean a motorcycle
38 that is more than 35 years old or is 35 years old or less and more than 25 years old and was
39 registered in the State as an antique motorcycle prior to January 2025.

40 3. It strikes the section of the bill that amends the definition of "farm truck."

1 4. It adds a section to the bill that allows a towing business to be issued a transporter
2 plate.

3 5. It strikes a section of the bill that requires an improperly marked catalytic converter
4 seized from a recycler to be automatically forfeited to the Secretary of State.

5 6. It adds a section to the bill that expands the list of medical professionals who may
6 issue a certificate to exempt an adult from the requirement to wear a seat belt in a vehicle.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)