

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

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S.P. 13 - L.D. 21

**An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws Governing Requisite Tire Size
and Frame Height**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1917, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2009, c. 251, §8, is further amended to read:

2. Safe tires required. A motor vehicle may not be operated on a public way unless it is equipped with tires in safe operating condition. A tire mounted on a motor vehicle is not considered to be in safe operating condition unless it meets the visual and tread depth requirements set forth in subsections 3 and 4, ~~the overall diameter of the properly mounted and inflated tire is within 2 inches of the range of sizes recommended by the manufacturer for the model vehicle~~ and the vehicle is in compliance with the frame height requirements provided in section 1920.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1920, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2005, c. 276, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Minimum and maximum frame end heights. A motor vehicle may not be operated on a public way or receive a certificate of inspection with a frame end height of less than 10 inches or with the frame end height lower than the vehicle was originally manufactured if originally manufactured to be less than 10 inches. A motor vehicle may not be operated on a public way or receive a certificate of inspection with a maximum frame end height based on the manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating that is greater than:

B. For a vehicle of 4,500 pounds and less, 24 inches in the front and 26 inches in the rear;

C. For a vehicle of 4,501 pounds to 7,500 pounds, 27 inches in the front and 29 inches in the rear; ~~and~~

D. For a vehicle of 7,501 pounds to 10,000 pounds, 28 inches in the front and 30 inches in the rear; and

E. For a vehicle of 10,001 pounds to 11,500 pounds, 29 inches in the front and 31 inches in the rear.

Measurements must be taken from a level surface to the bottom of the frame end. For the purposes of this subsection, "frame end" means the point at which the frame rail terminates at the bumper assembly.