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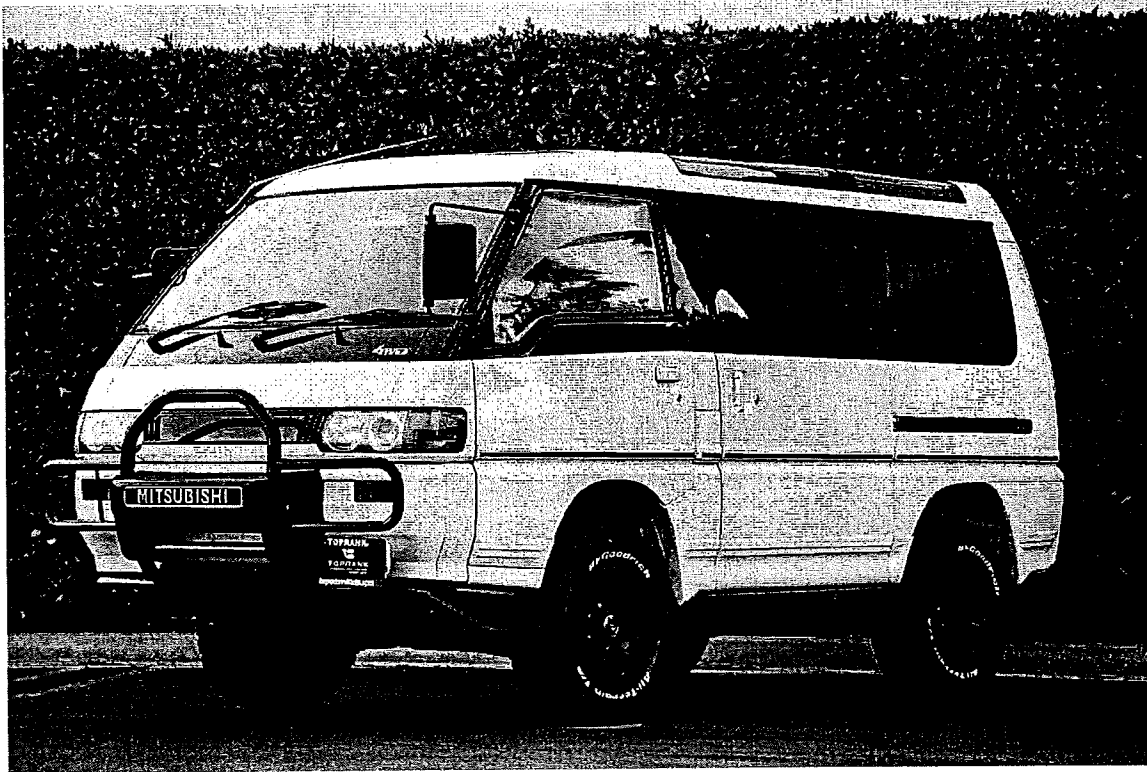
LD 63 An Act to Clarify That Certain Imported Vehicles Are Not Off-Road Vehicles

Good Afternoon Senator Chipman, Representative Williams and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, I am Representative Shelley Rudnicki. I represent House District #67, the towns of Fairfield and Benton.

I am here today to introduce **LD 63 An Act to Clarify That Certain Imported Vehicles Are Not Off-Road Vehicles**. I was asked to bring this bill forward, when the owners of the Mitsubishi Delicas were told that their registration of their vehicles were being revoked. These vehicles are both roadworthy and can be used as off-road vehicles. We currently have new vehicles that are used both on and off-road. LD 63 would simply put back the ability of Mitsubishi Delica owners to register their vehicles for the road.

My husband and I are automobile enthusiasts and enjoy owning a few vintage vehicles. When a vehicle is more than 25 years old it can be registered as an *antique*. We currently have a 1971 Olds Cutlass Convertible and register it as an *antique*. We also own a 1994 Chevy Pickup that is not registered as an *antique* and that means it must meet the state inspection standards. I have fears that if we do not make this adjustment to the law that we may go down a slippery slope. The next step could be saying when a vehicle reaches a certain age it is no longer *roadworthy*. We are not required to have a Maine Inspection sticker for registered *antique* vehicles. We chose to get our vehicle inspected because it is for our safety as well as others on the road. Just because a vehicle is imported from another country, it should not be automatically classified as an off-road vehicle.

The people testifying after me can elaborate more on how this works. I have attached a picture of the Delica Van is. I was not familiar with this vehicle when it first came to my attention.



Thank you for your time and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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State Representative