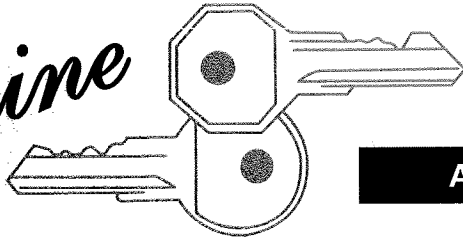


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TO: Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

RE: LD 1010 – An Act to Amend the State’s Vehicle Inspection Law by Requiring Inspections Biennially

Good Afternoon Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and Members of the Transportation Committee. My name is Tom Brown, President of the Maine Automobile Dealers Association, the state-wide organization of the franchised new car and truck dealers in Maine, all of which are members of MADA. All MADA members are also licensed safety inspection stations, with most of the technicians employed at over 200 locations in Maine being certified inspection mechanics.

MADA testifies in **Opposition to LD 1010**. The proposal would change the annual motor vehicle safety inspection from annually to every other year.

MADA supports the annual safety inspection of motor vehicles, which we believe benefits all Maine citizens. Miles driven and type of driving, combined with the condition of various roads on which we travel, are important factors to the safe operation of vehicles. The variety of weather we experience, and the chemicals we use to help treat our roads to satisfy the expectations of the driving public to have clear roads immediately after a storm ends, can accelerate the deterioration of concrete and pavement, lead to pot holes, frost heaves and uneven road surfaces, and, added to miles driven, result in significant wear and tear on motor vehicles. While vehicle owners can readily see windshield wipers, glass, and headlights, the deterioration of braking systems, fuel and brake lines, exhaust systems, tire wear and undercarriage corrosion are factors which automotive service professionals should be reviewing annually to help the safe operation of motor vehicles.

The change to biennial safety inspections would result in a loss of revenue to the Highway Fund, as there would be significantly less inspection sticker fees paid to the Maine State Police.

With all of these factors, MADA urges the Committee to retain the annual inspection requirement. Thank you for the opportunity to express MADA’s **Opposition to LD 1010**.