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Testimony of Senator Tim Nangle introducing
LD 2179, “An Act to Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws”
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Representative Crafts, and esteemed colleagues of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, my name is Tim Nangle. I proudly represent Senate District 26, which includes the communities of Windham, Raymond, Casco, Frye Island, and part of Westbrook. Thank you for the opportunity to present LD 2179, “An Act to Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws.”

This bill, introduced on behalf of the Department, was introduced in large part to be responsive to customer needs and changing commerce patterns by regulating online vehicle sales.

I have introduced several bills this Legislature aimed at strengthening consumer protections across a range of industries. I believe strongly that when Mainers make major financial decisions — especially purchases as significant and expensive as a vehicle — they deserve transparency, fairness, and meaningful oversight. These are not small transactions, and the protections we put in place matter deeply to working families in our communities.

Specifically, Section 6 establishes a pilot for licensing vehicle dealers that sell exclusively online to Mainers. This is an increasingly popular way to purchase vehicles, but there is little state regulatory oversight, which can be problematic for consumer protection. The Department developed the proposed language through a robust working group with input from a variety of interested parties. Given the seriousness and cost of a vehicle purchase these days, it is important to ensure that customers have confidence that the online entities they are buying from are responsibly licensed and monitored.

The Department will present the details of this proposal, as well as the other provisions in LD 2179, and I defer questions to them. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Representing Casco, Frye Island, Raymond, Windham, and part of Westbrook