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Measure- An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

Stipulation 1- (by candidate for Republican Governor of Maine 2026- Sheppard)
The automotive industry is falling behind in overall time availability for scheduling repair and available times to make necessary auto repairs and maintenance in Bangor, Maine.

Foward: In 2018 when I moved to Bangor, I bought a new vehicle at Darling's in Bangor. I am a good costumer at Darling's and I am only trying to help industry by committee, Senate and State of Maine to understand these legitimate industrial weaknesses in Maine and throughout modern day America.

Fact 1- In 2018 in order to receive quality service I had to wait about a week for an available online service schedule. In 2025, the time to get quality service scheduled properly has gotten much longer. I have to wait about a month and a half for the earliest place in the online only scheduling for repair.

Fact 2- In Orlando during the 1980's and early 1990's I worked in the automotive industry as an auto mechanic apprentice for my father's company - Engine Tech in Orlando. Orlando was so extremely business with scheduling repairs that I worked hard all day fixing the automotive problems called into Engine Tech. Work was everywhere in Orlando; my father did not even advertise Engine Tech. Advertising would have pushed Engine Tech into plethora and more automotive repair "bounty". My father was busy enough without any sort of advertising in 1987 when I had graduated high school in Orlando.

Rule 1- Auto mobile technicians are not abundant in Maine enough to support the growing demands and industry.

Rule 2- The "auto mobile repair" sector of the Auto Industry is deficient enough in certified auto repair experts. Bangor needs more automotive expert help, automobile training at (United Technologies Institue), more locations of UTI in Cherryfield, Bethel and Fort Kent.

Rule 3- The "Industrial Scourge" in Bangor and Maine has become another form of financial and psychological stress.

Rule 4- When more and more costumers are not being scheduled online for auto repairs, this is my own assumption that repairs will be made on private property first, other private properties second and public property third. Leading to dumping of bi-products and oil and other toxic chemicals necessary in the "automobile" design. Environmental hazards come with the endemic also.

Solution 1- Put a Task Force together at City Hall Bangor...or...

Solution 2- Allow for the allocations of state money to organize and facilitate necessary expenditures for maintaining Task Force in Bangor (and Maine).

Solution 3- Allow for the "Task Force" to find financial and "rewarding" incentives to be a ("great and awesome") mechanic in the economy we are diagnosing as committee.

Solution 4- Allow for Task Force to make calls and recruit using these measures and other logical strategies.

Solution 5- Recruit! Drive the recruits with a steady psychology of thanks, financing and hope that a solution is required by law.

Solution 6- Train all recruits and make them certified.

Solution 7- Audit the UTI or the (training facility) in order to maintain financial proof that more Institutes are required and necessary all over Maine to train auto mobile technicians and certify them.

Solution 8- Repeat procedures and solutions to the next facility until Maine has enough employees, certified mechanics and other necessary components to this

rehabilitation measure.

Summary-

All though this measure is not yet recorded and sustained in Maine, we "the People" and the officers of Government and military though me do hereby admit through this testimony that all these issues concerning the "auto mobile industry" may become a (National Emergency) eventually because of this measure and the rules mentioned.

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