

# OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

Date: March 23, 2021  
 To: Transportation Committee  
 From: Sam Prawer, Legislative Analyst

<b>Bill Title</b>	<b>LD 284, An Act To Provide That Inspections of New Motor Vehicles Are Valid for 2 Years</b>	<b>LD 354, An Act To Require Motor Vehicle Inspections Every 2 Years</b>	<b>LD 431, An Act To Repeal the Requirement That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Inspected</b>	<b>LD 490, An Act To Eliminate Certain Motor Vehicle Inspections in the State</b>	<b>LD 565, An Act To Study the Fee Structure for Motor Vehicle Inspections as It Relates to the Viability of Inspection Stations</b>	<b>LD 712, An Act To Eliminate the Requirement for an Inspection for a Noncommercial Vehicle Less Than 20 Years Old</b>
<b>Summary</b>	This bill provides that a new motor vehicle that has had an inspection is not required to have another inspection until 2 years from the last day of the month in which it was initially registered. After this time period has passed, the motor vehicle is required to have an annual motor vehicle safety inspection.	This bill changes noncommercial automobile inspection requirements from an annual inspection to a biennial inspection.	This bill repeals statutory provisions that require motor vehicles registered in the State to have an annual motor vehicle inspection.	This bill repeals statutory provisions requiring inspections for motor vehicles registered in the State, except that the provisions regarding inspection of commercial motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers and inspection by dealers and transporters are not repealed.	This bill would study the fee structure for motor vehicle inspections as it relates to the viability of inspection stations.  This bill is a concept draft.	This bill exempts a motor vehicle that is less than 20 years old from inspection.
<b>Current Law</b>	New motor vehicles are subject to the same annual inspection as all others	All automobile inspections are annual: <a href="#">29-A §1751, sub-§1 &amp; sub-§2-A</a> ; <a href="#">29-A §1753</a>	Motor vehicles registered in this state require an annual inspection: <a href="#">29-A Chapter 15</a>	Non-commercial motor vehicles registered in this state require an annual inspection: <a href="#">29-A Chapter 15</a>	Inspection fees: <a href="#">29-A §1751, sub-§3-A</a>	Vehicles currently exempt from inspection: <a href="#">29-A §1752</a>
<b>Technical Issues</b>	None	None	Some definitions and other sections may need updating based on repealed sections (see definition of “ <a href="#">off-road vehicle</a> ”)	Repeals <a href="#">§1751</a> but refers back to it. May make certain provisions less clear. (see definition of “ <a href="#">off-road vehicle</a> ”)	None	None
<b>Notes</b>	None	None	Inspection standards remain for reference: <a href="#">§1756, sub-§1</a>  <i>See additional below</i>	Inspection standards remain for reference: <a href="#">§1756, sub-§1</a>  <i>See additional below</i>	<a href="#">Current Maine inspection fees</a>	None
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	Not yet determined	Not yet determined	Not yet determined	Not yet determined	Not yet determined	Not yet determined

**Notes – Re: Air Quality**

Elimination or significant reduction of Cumberland County’s enhanced inspection program could bring Maine out of compliance with its U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved State Implementation Plan, required by the federal Clean Air Act. The loss of “emission reduction credit” could affect the \$1.3 million in federal funding Maine receives for the program through its Clean Air Act Section 105 grant. *There may also be penalties associated with non-compliance.*

**Testimony**

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<b>Support</b>	Rep. Cebra, Enterprise Rent-A-Car/Enterprise Holdings Inc, Maine Policy Institute, Rosemary Nicklaus	Rep. Connor, Bicycle Coalition of Maine, Maine Policy Institute	Rep. Cebra, Daniel Bryant, Jill Hall, Pete Harring, Mike Marino, John Morgan, Maine Policy Institute, Scott Okusko, Michael Witt	Sen. Miramant, R.F., Pete Harring, Rotta Knot, Mike Marino, John Morgan, Maine Policy Institute, Kurt Osgood	Rep. Harrington, Jim’s Auto Repair, Ryan Dodge, James Guay	Sen. Miramant, Neil Greenleaf, Mike Marino, Maine Policy Institute, Lawrence Wescott
<b>Opposition</b>	State Police, Maine Municipal Association, APCIA, American Property Casualty Insurance Association, Maine Auto Dealers Association, Bill’s Garage, James Guay, Pete Harring, Autowerkes Maine	State Police, Maine Municipal Association, APCIA, American Property Casualty Insurance Association, Maine Auto Dealers Association, Bill’s Garage, Pete Harring, Autowerkes Maine	State Police, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Maine Municipal Association, APCIA, American Property Casualty Insurance Association, Maine Auto Dealers Association, Bicycle Coalition of Maine, Autowerkes Maine	State Police, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Maine Municipal Association, APCIA, American Property Casualty Insurance Association, Maine Auto Dealers Association	Maine Policy Institute, APCIA, American Property Casualty Insurance Association, Pete Harring	State Police, Maine Municipal Association, APCIA, American Property Casualty Insurance Association, Maine Auto Dealers Association, Bill’s Garage, Bicycle Coalition of Maine, Autowerkes Maine, Alphee Lambert
<b>Neither for Nor Against</b>	MaineDEP, Presque Isle Police	Presque Isle Police	Presque Isle Police	Presque Isle Police	State Police, Kenneth Capron	Daniel Werts, R.W.