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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1606-A** is enacted to read:

§ 1606-A. Wheel weights

1. Tire service. Beginning January 1, 2011, when replacing or balancing a tire on a motor vehicle required to be registered under Title 29-A, chapter 5, a person may not use a wheel weight or other product for balancing motor vehicle wheels if the weight or other balancing product contains lead or mercury that was intentionally added during the manufacture of the product.

2. Sales ban. Except as provided in subsection 3, beginning January 1, 2011, a person may not sell or offer to sell or distribute weights or other products for balancing motor vehicle wheels if the weight or other balancing product contains lead or mercury that was intentionally added during the manufacture of the product.

3. New motor vehicles. Beginning January 1, 2012, a person may not sell a new motor vehicle that is equipped with a weight or other product for balancing motor vehicle wheels if the weight or other balancing product contains lead or mercury that was intentionally added during the manufacture of the product. For purposes of this subsection, "new motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is required to be registered under Title 29-A, chapter 5 that has not been previously sold to any person except a distributor, wholesaler or motor vehicle dealer for resale.’

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill.

Under the amendment:

1. Beginning January 1, 2011, the use of lead or mercury wheel weights is prohibited when replacing or balancing a tire on a vehicle required to be registered in the State; and

2. Beginning January 1, 2011, the sale of lead or mercury wheel weights is prohibited, except that new motor vehicles equipped with lead or mercury wheel weights may be sold until January 1, 2012.