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S.P. 742

In Senate, March 24, 2022

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Working Group

Reported by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland for the Joint Standing Committee on
Transportation pursuant to Joint Order 2021, S.P. 734.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1751, sub-§3-A**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 234, §2, is
3 amended to read:

4 **3-A. Inspection fees.** An inspection station may charge ~~the following fees: a fee of~~
5 up to \$25 for an inspection performed under this section.

6 ~~A. For inspections performed under subsection 2, the fee may not be more than \$12.50;~~

7 ~~B. For inspections of pre-1996 model vehicles performed under subsection 2-A, the~~
8 ~~fee may not be more than \$15.50; and~~

9 ~~C. For inspections of 1996 and subsequent model vehicles performed under subsection~~
10 ~~2-A, the fee may not be more than \$18.50.~~

11 The inspection fee is payable whether the vehicle passes inspection or not.

12 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1751-A** is enacted to read:

13 **§1751-A. Electronic inspection program**

14 The Chief of the State Police may make available, but may not require the use of, an
15 electronic inspection program for the purpose of inspections performed under this chapter.
16 For the purposes of this section, "electronic inspection program" means a program,
17 designated by the Chief of the State Police by rule, that uses electronically generated data
18 as part of an inspection and permits the creation and exchange of an electronic record for
19 maintaining inspection information.

20 **1. Implementation.** The Chief of the State Police may contract with a private entity to
21 implement an electronic inspection program.

22 **2. Phased approach.** The Chief of the State Police may develop by rule an approach
23 to phase in the implementation of an electronic inspection program throughout the State.

24 **3. Fee.** The Chief of the State Police may designate by rule a fee that an inspection
25 station must pay to the State for each inspection performed using an electronic inspection
26 program. A fee required under this subsection may not be more than the cost to the State
27 of using the program to perform an inspection.

28 **4. Rules.** The Chief of the State Police shall adopt rules to implement this section.
29 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
30 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

31 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill makes the following changes to Maine's motor vehicle inspection program
33 based on the recommendations of the motor vehicle inspection working group.

34 1. It sets the fee for all noncommercial motor vehicle inspections at up to \$25.

35 2. It allows the Chief of the State Police to make available, but does not authorize the
36 chief to require the use of, an electronic inspection program for the purpose of performing
37 motor vehicle inspections.



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**Fiscal Note for Original Bill
Committee: Transportation
Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Highway Fund

Minor savings - Highway Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Public Safety associated with reviewing bids and rulemaking can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. The department is expected to have minor cost savings related to the cost of inspection stickers and postage not requiring any change to the budget.