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House of Representatives, January 22, 2019

**An Act To Reduce the Cost of Automobile Repairs by Eliminating
the Aftermarket Catalytic Converter Requirement**

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HANLEY of Pittston.
Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and
Representatives: KINNEY of Knox, LYFORD of Eddington, MAREAN of Hollis, MARTIN
of Eagle Lake, TUELL of East Machias, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WARREN of Hallowell,
Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §585-D, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 245, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 Subject to the provisions of this section, the board may adopt and enforce standards
5 that meet the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act, Section 177, 42 United States
6 Code, Section 7507 relating to control of emissions from new motor vehicles or new
7 motor vehicle engines. These standards, known as a "low-emission vehicle program,"
8 must be designed to prevent air pollution and achieve and maintain ambient air quality
9 standards within the State, except that these standards may not require that new
10 aftermarket catalytic converters sold or installed in the State be certified to any standards
11 adopted by the State of California or the California Air Resources Board.

12 **Sec. 2. Department of Environmental Protection; new motor vehicle**
13 **emission standards.** The Department of Environmental Protection shall, as soon as
14 practicable, amend its rule Chapter 127 relating to new motor vehicle emission standards
15 in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 585-D to ensure that new
16 aftermarket catalytic converters sold or installed in the State are not required to be
17 certified to any standards adopted by the State of California or the California Air
18 Resources Board.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill amends the Board of Environmental Protection's authority to adopt and
21 enforce new motor vehicle emission standards by prohibiting the adoption of standards
22 requiring that new aftermarket catalytic converters sold or installed in the State be
23 certified to any standards adopted by the State of California or the California Air
24 Resources Board. The bill also requires the Department of Environmental Protection, as
25 soon as practicable, to amend its rule Chapter 127 relating to new motor vehicle emission
26 standards in accordance with this statutory prohibition.