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AGENCY: Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Air Quality Control

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Chapter 127 New Motor Vehicle Emission
Standards

ADOPTED RULE NUMBER: 2012-340

CONCISE SUMMARY: The Department of Environmental Protection adopted amendments to its Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) rule, which incorporates by reference California's new motor vehicle emission standard regulations. Maine first adopted California's vehicle emission standards in 1993 (starting model year 2001), and the Department periodically amends its LEV rules to remain consistent with California's emission standards in compliance with the Clean Air Act. The amendments adopt the next generation of motor vehicle emission standards for criteria pollutants for 2015-2025 model years and greenhouse gases for 2017-2025 model years; revised Zero Emission Vehicle requirements; improved vehicle labeling requirements; and amendments to the existing greenhouse gas standards for passenger vehicles. These amendments will be submitted to EPA as a revision to Maine's State Implementation Plan. Copies of this rule are available upon request by contacting the Agency contact person or on the DEP website at www.maine.gov/dep/air/rules/index.html

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