

**STATE OF MAINE**  
131<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION**

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### **Bicycles**

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<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 1141	An Act to Improve Access and System Preservation by Providing Shoulders and Bicycle Lanes on State Roadways Leading to State Parks and Other Significant Destinations	ONTP
	LD 1551	An Act to Increase Bicycle Safety by Allowing Cyclists to Treat Stop Signs as Yield Signs and Red Lights as Stop Signs	Died Between Houses

### **BMV Services**

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 1017	Resolve, to Increase Commercial Driver's License Examiner Capacity	ONTP
	LD 1138	An Act to Improve Work and Family Mobility by Altering and Removing Certain Requirements for Driver's Licenses and Nondriver Identification Cards	CARRIED OVER
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### **Bridges**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 21	Resolve, Designating Maine Turnpike Approach Road in South Portland as Samantha Smith Way	RESOLVE 5
	LD 44	Resolve, to Rename the Bridge Between Bingham and Concord Township on Route 16 the Jason Dore Memorial Bridge	RESOLVE 4
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	LD 382	Resolve, Naming Portions of a Highway in St. George	RESOLVE 30

	LD 502	Resolve, Designating the Desert of Maine Overpass the Matthew MacMillan Overpass	RESOLVE 1
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	LD 1843	Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Bremen the Kitty Breskin Memorial Bridge	RESOLVE 64
	LD 1848	Resolve, to Designate the Route 15 Bridge Located in the Town of Kenduskeag the William S. Pullen Bridge	RESOLVE 72
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 38	Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Freeport the Matthew MacMillan Memorial Bridge	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1122	Resolve, to Rename Bridges in the Town of Cornish	ONTP

### **Driver Education**

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 125	An Act to Allow Driver Education Instructors to Administer Driver's License Road Tests	ONTP
	LD 1090	An Act to Require Driver Education Programs to Include Education Regarding the Risks of Impaired Driving Due to the Use of Alcohol, Cannabis or Other Substances	ONTP
	LD 1374	An Act to Improve Driver Safety by Requiring the Completion of a Defensive Driving Course for Certain Violations	ONTP

### **Electric Vehicles**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 467	Resolve, to Study Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	RESOLVE 53
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 1572	An Act to Ensure Proper Funding of the Highway Fund by Imposing a Surcharge on Electric Vehicle Registration	ONTP

### **Fees**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 21	Resolve, Designating Maine Turnpike Approach Road in South Portland as Samantha Smith Way	RESOLVE 5
	LD 30	An Act to Increase the Statutory Fee for Defensive Driving Courses	PUBLIC 58

	LD 556	An Act to Limit the Driver's License Reinstatement Fee in Certain Circumstances	PUBLIC 363
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 334	An Act to Ensure the Full Value of the Balance of Registration Fees Is Retained by the Seller of Used Motor Vehicles	ONTP
	LD 639	An Act to Protect Vehicle Buyers by Limiting Vehicle Document Preparation Fees	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 704	An Act to Replace Annual Vanity Plate Administrative Fees with a One-time Fee	ONTP

### **General Issuance**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 1965	An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Provide a New General Issue of License Plates	PUBLIC 421
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### **Inspection**

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 623	An Act to Modify Maine Motor Vehicle Inspection Standards to Permit Nonstructural Corrosion That Does Not Directly Affect the Passenger Compartment	ONTP
	LD 746	An Act to Modernize the State's Vehicle Inspection System by Requiring Inspections Biennially and Allowing for an Electronic Inspection Program	ONTP
	LD 900	An Act to Modernize the State Motor Vehicle Inspection Program	Minority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1242	An Act to Eliminate Certain Motor Vehicle Inspections	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1587	An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Inspection Law to Exempt Certain Motor Vehicles Less than 3 Years Old	ONTP

### **Marine Transportation**

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 235	An Act to Promote Economic Development in the Fishing Industry by Funding a Dredging Project in Portland Harbor	CARRIED OVER
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### **Micromobility**

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 1245	An Act to Require Registration of Motorized Bicycles or Tricycles or Motorized Scooters	ONTP
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LD 1780 An Act to Regulate the Operation of Micromobility Devices on Public Ways ONTP

**Miscellaneous**

**Enacted**

LD 17 An Act to Amend the Membership Requirements of the State Claims Commission PUBLIC 54

LD 1463 An Act to Amend the Definition of "Farming" Under the Motor Vehicle Laws to Include Equines Not Raised for Racing PUBLIC 403

**Not Enacted**

LD 777 An Act to Align the Minimum Rate of Pay for Manufacturers of Maine License Plates at the Maine State Prison with Maine's Minimum Wage Laws Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 1045 An Act to Allow the Use of Enhanced Driver's Licenses ONTP

**Miscellaneous, Transportation**

**Not Enacted**

LD 298 An Act to Study the Shared Use of the Public Right of Way ONTP

LD 932 An Act Requiring Climate Impact Notes on Proposed Transportation Legislation and Agency Rules CARRIED OVER

LD 1093 An Act to Create a Seasonal Gas Tax Exemption and Rate ONTP

LD 1140 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Allow All-terrain Vehicle Traffic on a Section of Trail in the City of Caribou ONTP

LD 1177 An Act to Assess an Impact Fee on Megayachts CARRIED OVER

LD 1245 An Act to Require Registration of Motorized Bicycles or Tricycles or Motorized Scooters ONTP

LD 1351 Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Create a Program to Promote Transit and Transportation Research and Funding ONTP

LD 1640 An Act to Require Industry Training and Certification for Persons Undertaking Corrosion Prevention and Mitigation for Bridges CARRIED OVER

LD 1711 An Act to Provide for Safe Roadway Construction Design Criteria ONTP

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### *Operator's License*

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 272	An Act Regarding the Issuance of Driver's Licenses to Persons with Obstructive Sleep Apnea	ONTP
	LD 933	An Act Requiring Proof of a Motorcycle License Endorsement or Learner's Permit in Order to Register a Motorcycle	ONTP
	LD 1180	An Act to Add an Exception to the Law Regarding Intermediate Driver's Licenses Regarding Passengers	ONTP
	LD 1899	An Act to Establish a Maine Commercial Driver's License for Use Within State Borders	ONTP

### *Public Safety*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 528	An Act to Improve Road Safety for Waste and Recycling Collection Employees	PUBLIC 68
	LD 980	An Act Regarding Passing Stationary Motor Vehicles on Public Ways	PUBLIC 122
	LD 1120	Resolve, to Install a Suicide Barrier on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge	RESOLVE 90
	LD 1296	An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Allow Firefighters to Have Increased Lighting on Their Personal Vehicles	PUBLIC 131
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 110	An Act to Prohibit Leaving a Child Under 10 Years of Age Alone in a Motor Vehicle	ONTP
	LD 135	An Act to Require Manure Bags for Horse-drawn Vehicles	ONTP

### *Public Transportation*

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 408	An Act to Expand Bus Service	Died On Adjournment
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### *Railroads*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 404	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council	RESOLVE 89
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### *Transportation*

**Not  
Enacted**

LD 754	Resolve, Directing the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission to Examine Restoring Passenger Rail from Boston to Montreal	RESOLVE 101
LD 407	An Act to Support Recreational Trails	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 605	An Act to Enhance Commuter-oriented Rail Service	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 860	An Act to Identify the Railroad Lines from Portland to Bangor as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study	CARRIED OVER
LD 861	An Act to Identify the Canadian Pacific Railway Railroad Lines from Hermon Station Through Brownville and Jackman to Quebec and Montreal as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study	ONTP
LD 862	An Act to Move Jurisdiction over Railroad Lines from the Department of Transportation to an Independent Rail Authority	ONTP
LD 880	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Initiate a Service Development Plan for Commuter and Passenger Train Service Between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area	ONTP
LD 1170	Resolve, to Promote Passenger Rail for Commuters	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1450	An Act to Fund the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council	CARRIED OVER
LD 1750	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Complete a Service Plan and Determine the Scope of Work for Restoration of Rail Use of the Berlin Subdivision Rail Corridor from Downtown Portland to Auburn	CARRIED OVER
LD 1813	Resolve, to Provide for One Month of Free Passenger Rail Service in Maine	Majority (ONTP) Report

### **Registration Plates**

**Enacted**

LD 128	An Act to Remove the Limit on Sets of Special Veterans Registration Plates	PUBLIC 85
LD 966	An Act to Align the Automobile Title Requirements with Those of Antique Automobiles	PUBLIC 402
LD 1822	An Act to Amend the Specialty License Plate Laws and Extend the Moratorium on Approval of Specialty License Plates and Remove the Authority of Municipalities to Issue Driver's Licenses	PUBLIC 271

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	LD 1965	An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Provide a New General Issue of License Plates	PUBLIC 421
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 560	An Act Regarding County Sheriff Vehicle Registration Plates	ONTP
	LD 704	An Act to Replace Annual Vanity Plate Administrative Fees with a One-time Fee	ONTP
	LD 729	Resolve, Regarding Traffic Lights in Turner	ONTP
	LD 743	An Act to Provide Free or Reduced-cost Vehicle Registration to All Disabled Veterans	ONTP
	LD 1142	An Act to Eliminate Motor Vehicle Registration Fees for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Emergency Medical Services Providers	ONTP
	LD 1288	An Act to Create a 2-year Motor Vehicle Registration	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1938	An Act to Require a Reminder for Vehicle Registration Renewal	ONTP

### **Roads**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 607	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Examine Improving Highway Connections from Interstate 95 to the St. John Valley	RESOLVE 63
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 124	An Act to Ensure the Maintenance of Circular Intersections on State and State Aid Highways	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 413	An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Upgrade Route 1 from Fort Kent to Van Buren	ONTP

### **School Buses**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 62	An Act to Require Antipinch Sensors on School Bus Doors	PUBLIC 423
	LD 1030	Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Report on the School Bus Driver Shortage	RESOLVE 40

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 381	An Act to Increase School Bus Safety by Requiring Monitors	ONTP
	LD 918	An Act to Decrease the Minimum Age to Operate a School Bus	Majority (ONTP) Report

### *Secretary of State*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 575	An Act Regarding a Seat Belt Exemption for Persons with a Medical Condition	PUBLIC 364
	LD 652	An Act to Allow the Reinstatement of Certain Commercial Driver's Licenses	PUBLIC 108
	LD 819	An Act to Reduce the Penalty for Operating a Motor Vehicle Under a Suspended License in Certain Situations	PUBLIC 312
	LD 1072	An Act Regarding the Bureau of Motor Vehicles	PUBLIC 257
	LD 1341	An Act to Modernize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Mobile Services	PUBLIC 418
	LD 1390	An Act to Provide Self-service Motor Vehicle Services	PUBLIC 419
	LD 1463	An Act to Amend the Definition of "Farming" Under the Motor Vehicle Laws to Include Equines Not Raised for Racing	PUBLIC 403
	LD 1822	An Act to Amend the Specialty License Plate Laws and Extend the Moratorium on Approval of Specialty License Plates and Remove the Authority of Municipalities to Issue Driver's Licenses	PUBLIC 271

### *Signs*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 397	An Act to Allow Signs at Outdoor Athletic Facilities	PUBLIC 214
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 480	An Act to Clarify Laws Regarding the Placement of Signs on Public Ways	ONTP
	LD 488	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Supplemental Guide Signs on Highways for Colleges and Universities	ONTP
	LD 866	An Act to Improve Visibility and Restore the Beauty of Maine's Roadways by Limiting Signs in the Public Right-of-way	Majority (ONTP) Report

## **Traffic Regulations**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 31	An Act to Allow the Commissioner of Transportation to Reduce Speed Limits at Construction Sites with Input from Municipalities and Utilities	PUBLIC 19
	LD 522	An Act to Require That Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow and Ice When Operated on Public Ways	PUBLIC 107
	LD 552	An Act Regarding the Definition of "Reportable Accident"	PUBLIC 27
	LD 598	An Act to Require a Vehicle Operator to Notify an Owner or Law Enforcement Officer of an Accident Involving a Dog, a Cat or Livestock	PUBLIC 302
	LD 686	An Act to Enhance Safety for Animal-drawn Vehicles on Highways	PUBLIC 301
	LD 687	An Act to Increase the Allowable Width of a Snowplow	PUBLIC 72
	LD 819	An Act to Reduce the Penalty for Operating a Motor Vehicle Under a Suspended License in Certain Situations	PUBLIC 312
	LD 1296	An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Allow Firefighters to Have Increased Lighting on Their Personal Vehicles	PUBLIC 131
	<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 63	An Act to Clarify That Certain Imported Motor Vehicles Are Not Off-road Vehicles
LD 145		An Act to Increase the Penalties for Operation of a Motor Vehicle While Using a Handheld Electronic Device or Mobile Telephone	ONTP
LD 161		An Act to Modify the Law Regarding Tinted Glass in Motor Vehicles	ONTP
LD 527		An Act to Allow Municipalities to Create Bicycle and Pedestrian Zones with Reduced Speed Limits	CARRIED OVER
LD 729		Resolve, Regarding Traffic Lights in Turner	ONTP
LD 800		An Act to Allow Hitchhiking at Night	Died On Adjournment
LD 1025		An Act to Improve Maine's Economy by Changing the Hours of Operation for Oversize Loads	ONTP

LD 1076	An Act to Expand the Use of Traffic Cameras for School and Work Zones	ONTP
LD 1566	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Recommend Strategies to Achieve the Goal of Eliminating Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries	ONTP
LD 1634	An Act to Grant Municipalities the Authority to Set Certain Lower Motor Vehicle Speed Limits Without a Department of Transportation Speed Study	ONTP

### *Trails*

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 209	An Act to Authorize an Interim Use Trail on the Berlin Subdivision Rail Corridor	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1450	An Act to Fund the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council	CARRIED OVER

### *Transportation Department*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 1019	An Act Regarding Water Testing Related to Storage Facilities	PUBLIC 367
	LD 1559	An Act to Advance the State's Public Transit Systems by Reinvigorating the Public Transit Advisory Council	PUBLIC 319
	LD 1674	An Act to Require and Encourage Safe and Interconnected Transportation	PUBLIC 237
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 76	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Study the Width of Road Shoulders	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1694	An Act to Improve the Rest Stop Facilities Located on Interstate 95 in Medway	ONTP

### *Transportation Funding*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 259	An Act Making Unified Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025	PUBLIC 189
	LD 260	An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023	PUBLIC 50

#### *Transportation*

	LD 1120	Resolve, to Install a Suicide Barrier on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge	RESOLVE 90
	LD 1200	Resolve, to Convene a Driver Education Working Group to Evaluate Hardships to Underserved Populations and Low-income Families	RESOLVE 94
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 1210	An Act to Establish a Maine Highway Capital Fund to Provide Consistent Funding for the Construction and Repair of Maine's Roads and Bridges	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1897	An Act to Improve Public Roadways on Unbridged Islands Not Served by the Maine State Ferry Service	ONTP

### *Turnpike Authority*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 72	An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2024	P & S 13
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 85	Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority to Study Adding Exits off the Maine Turnpike to Aid Economic Development	ONTP

### *Vehicle Regulations*

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 102	An Act to Increase the Length of Registration for Antique Autos	ONTP
	LD 369	An Act to Allow Repurposed Military Vehicles to Be Registered and Operated on Maine Roads	CARRIED OVER
	LD 875	An Act to Allow Mini-trucks to Be Operated on Roads in the State	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1455	An Act to Establish the Weighing Point Preclearance Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1542	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Study the Use of Micromobility Devices	ONTP

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								Law	Ch		
TRA	17	An Act to Amend the Membership Requirements of the State Claims Commission	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/20/23	Enacted	PL	54		S1
TRA	21	Resolve, Designating Maine Turnpike Approach Road in South Portland as Samantha Smith Way	Reported Out	OTP		3/6/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	5		R1
TRA	30	An Act to Increase the Statutory Fee for Defensive Driving Courses	Reported Out	OTP		4/13/23	Enacted	PL	58		S1
TRA	31	An Act to Allow the Commissioner of Transportation to Reduce Speed Limits at Construction Sites with Input from Municipalities and Utilities	Reported Out	OTP		3/7/23	Enacted	PL	19		R1
TRA	38	Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Freeport the Matthew MacMillan Memorial Bridge	Reported Out	LTW		2/7/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
TRA	44	Resolve, to Rename the Bridge Between Bingham and Concord Township on Route 16 the Jason Dore Memorial Bridge	Reported Out	OTP		3/6/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	4		R1
TRA	62	An Act to Require Antipinch Sensors on School Bus Doors	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/19/23	Enacted	PL	423		S1
TRA	63	An Act to Clarify That Certain Imported Motor Vehicles Are Not Off-road Vehicles	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	72	An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2024	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Enacted	P&S	13		S1
TRA	76	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Study the Width of Road Shoulders	Reported Out	LTW		2/7/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
TRA	85	Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority to Study Adding Exits off the Maine Turnpike to Aid Economic Development	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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TRA	102	An Act to Increase the Length of Registration for Antique Autos	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	110	An Act to Prohibit Leaving a Child Under 10 Years of Age Alone in a Motor Vehicle	Reported Out	ONTP		3/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
TRA	124	An Act to Ensure the Maintenance of Circular Intersections on State and State Aid Highways	Reported Out	LTW		2/7/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
TRA	125	An Act to Allow Driver Education Instructors to Administer Driver's License Road Tests	Reported Out	ONTP		3/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
TRA	128	An Act to Remove the Limit on Sets of Special Veterans Registration Plates	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/27/23	Enacted	PL	85		S1
TRA	135	An Act to Require Manure Bags for Horse-drawn Vehicles	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	145	An Act to Increase the Penalties for Operation of a Motor Vehicle While Using a Handheld Electronic Device or Mobile Telephone	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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TRA	161	An Act to Modify the Law Regarding Tinted Glass in Motor Vehicles	Reported Out	ONTP		3/15/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
TRA	209	An Act to Authorize an Interim Use Trail on the Berlin Subdivision Rail Corridor	Reported Out	ONTP/ REF TO TRA		6/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	235	An Act to Promote Economic Development in the Fishing Industry by Funding a Dredging Project in Portland Harbor	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	259	An Act Making Unified Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/13/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	189		S1
TRA	260	An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/21/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	50		S1
TRA	272	An Act Regarding the Issuance of Driver's Licenses to Persons with Obstructive Sleep Apnea	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	298	An Act to Study the Shared Use of the Public Right of Way	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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TRA	331	Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Canaan After Staff Sergeant Richard Gerald Salsbury	Reported Out	OTP		3/7/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	2		R1
TRA	334	An Act to Ensure the Full Value of the Balance of Registration Fees Is Retained by the Seller of Used Motor Vehicles	Reported Out	ONTP		3/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
TRA	369	An Act to Allow Repurposed Military Vehicles to Be Registered and Operated on Maine Roads	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	381	An Act to Increase School Bus Safety by Requiring Monitors	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	382	Resolve, Naming Portions of a Highway in St. George	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/19/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	30		S1
TRA	397	An Act to Allow Signs at Outdoor Athletic Facilities	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	214		S1
TRA	401	An Act to Improve Transportation in Maine	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	402	An Act to Change Maine's Transportation Laws	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	404	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM		6/16/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	89		S1
TRA	406	An Act to Expand Passenger Rail Service	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		7/6/23	Indefinitely Postponed				S1
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TRA	408	An Act to Expand Bus Service	Voted	Ant. Div. Rep.		6/1/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
TRA	409	An Act to Improve Pedestrian Safety	Reported Out	LTW		6/13/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	413	An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Upgrade Route 1 from Fort Kent to Van Buren	Reported Out	ONTP		6/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	456	An Act to Support the Safe Use of Bicycles and Roller Skis	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	334		S1
TRA	467	Resolve, to Study Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/31/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	53		S1
TRA	480	An Act to Clarify Laws Regarding the Placement of Signs on Public Ways	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	488	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Supplemental Guide Signs on Highways for Colleges and Universities	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	502	Resolve, Designating the Desert of Maine Overpass the Matthew MacMillan Overpass	Reported Out	OTP		3/6/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	1		R1
TRA	522	An Act to Require That Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow and Ice When Operated on Public Ways	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/4/23	Enacted	PL	107		S1
TRA	527	An Act to Allow Municipalities to Create Bicycle and Pedestrian Zones with Reduced Speed Limits	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	528	An Act to Improve Road Safety for Waste and Recycling Collection Employees	Reported Out	OTP		4/13/23	Enacted	PL	68		S1

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								Law	Ch		
TRA	534	An Act to Allow Commercial Driver's License Holders Who Are 18 to 20 Years of Age to Haul Hazardous Materials Intrastate	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/4/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	552	An Act Regarding the Definition of "Reportable Accident"	Reported Out	OTP		3/15/23	Enacted	PL	27		S1
TRA	556	An Act to Limit the Driver's License Reinstatement Fee in Certain Circumstances	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/27/23	Enacted	PL	363		S1
TRA	560	An Act Regarding County Sheriff Vehicle Registration Plates	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	575	An Act Regarding a Seat Belt Exemption for Persons with a Medical Condition	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/20/23	Enacted	PL	364		S1
TRA	598	An Act to Require a Vehicle Operator to Notify an Owner or Law Enforcement Officer of an Accident Involving a Dog, a Cat or Livestock	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/31/23	Enacted	PL	302		S1
TRA	605	An Act to Enhance Commuter-oriented Rail Service	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	607	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Examine Improving Highway Connections from Interstate 95 to the St. John Valley	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	63		S1
TRA	623	An Act to Modify Maine Motor Vehicle Inspection Standards to Permit Nonstructural Corrosion That Does Not Directly Affect the Passenger Compartment	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	639	An Act to Protect Vehicle Buyers by Limiting Vehicle Document Preparation Fees	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/19/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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TRA	652	An Act to Allow the Reinstatement of Certain Commercial Driver's Licenses	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/4/23	Enacted	PL	108		S1
TRA	686	An Act to Enhance Safety for Animal-drawn Vehicles on Highways	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/31/23	Enacted	PL	301		S1
TRA	687	An Act to Increase the Allowable Width of a Snowplow	Reported Out	OTP		4/13/23	Enacted	PL	72		S1
TRA	704	An Act to Replace Annual Vanity Plate Administrative Fees with a One-time Fee	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	729	Resolve, Regarding Traffic Lights in Turner	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	736	An Act to Remove the Requirement That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Equipped with a Front License Plate	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	743	An Act to Provide Free or Reduced-cost Vehicle Registration to All Disabled Veterans	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	746	An Act to Modernize the State's Vehicle Inspection System by Requiring Inspections Biennially and Allowing for an Electronic Inspection Program	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	754	Resolve, Directing the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission to Examine Restoring Passenger Rail from Boston to Montreal	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	101		S1

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TRA	777	An Act to Align the Minimum Rate of Pay for Manufacturers of Maine License Plates at the Maine State Prison with Maine's Minimum Wage Laws	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/6/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	800	An Act to Allow Hitchhiking at Night	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/8/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
TRA	819	An Act to Reduce the Penalty for Operating a Motor Vehicle Under a Suspended License in Certain Situations	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/14/23	Enacted	PL	312		S1
TRA	842	An Act to Strengthen the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority by Inviting Participation on the Board of Directors by and Negotiating for Funding from the State of New Hampshire and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	860	An Act to Identify the Railroad Lines from Portland to Bangor as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	861	An Act to Identify the Canadian Pacific Railway Railroad Lines from Hermon Station Through Brownville and Jackman to Quebec and Montreal as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study	Reported Out	ONTP		6/7/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	862	An Act to Move Jurisdiction over Railroad Lines from the Department of Transportation to an Independent Rail Authority	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	866	An Act to Improve Visibility and Restore the Beauty of Maine's Roadways by Limiting Signs in the Public Right-of-way	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/11/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	875	An Act to Allow Mini-trucks to Be Operated on Roads in the State	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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TRA	880	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Initiate a Service Development Plan for Commuter and Passenger Train Service Between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	900	An Act to Modernize the State Motor Vehicle Inspection Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	918	An Act to Decrease the Minimum Age to Operate a School Bus	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		4/13/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	932	An Act Requiring Climate Impact Notes on Proposed Transportation Legislation and Agency Rules	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	933	An Act Requiring Proof of a Motorcycle License Endorsement or Learner's Permit in Order to Register a Motorcycle	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	966	An Act to Align the Automobile Title Requirements with Those of Antique Automobiles	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/12/23	Enacted	PL	402		S1
TRA	980	An Act Regarding Passing Stationary Motor Vehicles on Public Ways	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/12/23	Enacted	PL	122		S1
TRA	1017	Resolve, to Increase Commercial Driver's License Examiner Capacity	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1019	An Act Regarding Water Testing Related to Storage Facilities	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	367		S1

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								Law	Ch		
TRA	1025	An Act to Improve Maine's Economy by Changing the Hours of Operation for Oversize Loads	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1030	Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Report on the School Bus Driver Shortage	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/24/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	40		S1
TRA	1045	An Act to Allow the Use of Enhanced Driver's Licenses	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1072	An Act Regarding the Bureau of Motor Vehicles	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	257		S1
TRA	1076	An Act to Expand the Use of Traffic Cameras for School and Work Zones	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1090	An Act to Require Driver Education Programs to Include Education Regarding the Risks of Impaired Driving Due to the Use of Alcohol, Cannabis or Other Substances	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1093	An Act to Create a Seasonal Gas Tax Exemption and Rate	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1120	Resolve, to Install a Suicide Barrier on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	90		S1

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TRA	1122	Resolve, to Rename Bridges in the Town of Cornish	Reported Out	ONTP		5/9/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1138	An Act to Improve Work and Family Mobility by Altering and Removing Certain Requirements for Driver's Licenses and Nondriver Identification Cards	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	1140	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Allow All-terrain Vehicle Traffic on a Section of Trail in the City of Caribou	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1141	An Act to Improve Access and System Preservation by Providing Shoulders and Bicycle Lanes on State Roadways Leading to State Parks and Other Significant Destinations	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1142	An Act to Eliminate Motor Vehicle Registration Fees for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Emergency Medical Services Providers	Reported Out	ONTP		4/13/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1170	Resolve, to Promote Passenger Rail for Commuters	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/14/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	1177	An Act to Assess an Impact Fee on Megayachts	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/12/23					S1
TRA	1180	An Act to Add an Exception to the Law Regarding Intermediate Driver's Licenses Regarding Passengers	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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TRA	1200	Resolve, to Convene a Driver Education Working Group to Evaluate Hardships to Underserved Populations and Low-income Families	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/4/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	94		S1
TRA	1210	An Act to Establish a Maine Highway Capital Fund to Provide Consistent Funding for the Construction and Repair of Maine's Roads and Bridges	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	1242	An Act to Eliminate Certain Motor Vehicle Inspections	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/2/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	1245	An Act to Require Registration of Motorized Bicycles or Tricycles or Motorized Scooters	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1288	An Act to Create a 2-year Motor Vehicle Registration	Reported Out	LTW		4/3/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1296	An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Allow Firefighters to Have Increased Lighting on Their Personal Vehicles	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/15/23	Enacted	PL	131		S1
TRA	1341	An Act to Modernize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Mobile Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/14/23	Enacted	PL	418		S1
TRA	1351	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Create a Program to Promote Transit and Transportation Research and Funding	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1374	An Act to Improve Driver Safety by Requiring the Completion of a Defensive Driving Course for Certain Violations	Reported Out	ONTP		5/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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								Law	Ch		
TRA	1390	An Act to Provide Self-service Motor Vehicle Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/19/23	Enacted	PL	419		S1
TRA	1450	An Act to Fund the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/12/23					S1
TRA	1455	An Act to Establish the Weighing Point Preclearance Program	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	1463	An Act to Amend the Definition of "Farming" Under the Motor Vehicle Laws to Include Equines Not Raised for Racing	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		5/31/23	Enacted	PL	403		S1
TRA	1542	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Study the Use of Micromobility Devices	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1551	An Act to Increase Bicycle Safety by Allowing Cyclists to Treat Stop Signs as Yield Signs and Red Lights as Stop Signs	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/12/23	Died Between Houses				S1
TRA	1559	An Act to Advance the State's Public Transit Systems by Reinvigorating the Public Transit Advisory Council	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/15/23	Enacted	PL	319		S1
TRA	1566	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Recommend Strategies to Achieve the Goal of Eliminating Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1572	An Act to Ensure Proper Funding of the Highway Fund by Imposing a Surcharge on Electric Vehicle Registration	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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TRA	1587	An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Inspection Law to Exempt Certain Motor Vehicles Less than 3 Years Old	Reported Out	ONTP		5/9/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1634	An Act to Grant Municipalities the Authority to Set Certain Lower Motor Vehicle Speed Limits Without a Department of Transportation Speed Study	Reported Out	ONTP		5/9/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1640	An Act to Require Industry Training and Certification for Persons Undertaking Corrosion Prevention and Mitigation for Bridges	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	1674	An Act to Require and Encourage Safe and Interconnected Transportation	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	237		S1
TRA	1694	An Act to Improve the Rest Stop Facilities Located on Interstate 95 in Medway	Reported Out	ONTP		5/9/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1711	An Act to Provide for Safe Roadway Construction Design Criteria	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1750	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Complete a Service Plan and Determine the Scope of Work for Restoration of Rail Use of the Berlin Subdivision Rail Corridor from Downtown Portland to Auburn	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
TRA	1780	An Act to Regulate the Operation of Micromobility Devices on Public Ways	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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TRA	1813	Resolve, to Provide for One Month of Free Passenger Rail Service in Maine	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
TRA	1822	An Act to Amend the Specialty License Plate Laws and Extend the Moratorium on Approval of Specialty License Plates and Remove the Authority of Municipalities to Issue Driver's Licenses	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	271		S1
TRA	1843	Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Bremen the Kitty Breskin Memorial Bridge	Reported Out	OTP		6/8/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	64		S1
TRA	1848	Resolve, to Designate the Route 15 Bridge Located in the Town of Kenduskeag the William S. Pullen Bridge	Reported Out	OTP		6/8/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	72		S1
TRA	1897	An Act to Improve Public Roadways on Unbridged Islands Not Served by the Maine State Ferry Service	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1899	An Act to Establish a Maine Commercial Driver's License for Use Within State Borders	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1938	An Act to Require a Reminder for Vehicle Registration Renewal	Reported Out	ONTP		5/31/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
TRA	1965	An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Provide a New General Issue of License Plates	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	421		S1

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### **LD 17 An Act to Amend the Membership Requirements of the State Claims Commission**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 54 allows a real estate appraiser whose license has lapsed to be appointed to the State Claims Commission as long as the real estate appraiser was licensed as a certified real estate appraiser within the 5 years prior to the date of appointment.

### **LD 21 Resolve, Designating Maine Turnpike Approach Road in South Portland as Samantha Smith Way**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 5 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Maine Turnpike Approach Road from Route 1 in the City of South Portland to the Maine Turnpike in the City of South Portland as Samantha Smith Way.

### **LD 30 An Act to Increase the Statutory Fee for Defensive Driving Courses**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 58 increases from \$35 to \$65 the registration fee for defensive driving courses conducted under the auspices of the Department of Public Safety.

### **LD 31 An Act to Allow the Commissioner of Transportation to Reduce Speed Limits at Construction Sites with Input from Municipalities and Utilities**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 19 allows the Commissioner of Transportation to implement the guidance of a municipality or utility engaging in a construction project on a public way to temporarily reduce the posted speed limit where the municipal or utility construction project is located when construction workers are present. It directs the commissioner to adopt routine technical rules, including rules setting forth the criteria that must be met before the commissioner may reduce a posted speed limit.

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### **LD 44 Resolve, to Rename the Bridge Between Bingham and Concord Township on Route 16 the Jason Dore Memorial Bridge**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 4 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 3236 on Route 16 between the Town of Bingham and Concord Township the Jason Dore Memorial Bridge.

### **LD 62 An Act to Require Antipinch Sensors on School Bus Doors**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 423 requires school buses to be equipped with technology to prevent the door from closing on a person's limb or other body part if manufactured in 2025 or later.

### **LD 72 An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2024**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 13 makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2024 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

### **LD 128 An Act to Remove the Limit on Sets of Special Veterans Registration Plates**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 85 removes the limit on the number of motor vehicles and the number of motorcycles for which a veteran may request special veteran's registration plates.

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### **LD 259 An Act Making Unified Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 189 does the following.

1. Part A makes allocations of funds for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025.
2. Part B authorizes the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to issue up to \$50,000,000 of GARVEE bonds for highway and bridge needs.
3. Part C sets the attrition rate for the 2024-2025 biennium from 1.6% to 5% for executive branch departments and agencies.
4. Part D requires the State Controller to transfer amounts exceeding \$100,000 from the unallocated balance in the Highway Fund after all commitments to the Highway and Bridge Capital, Highway Light Capital and Maintenance and Operations programs within the Department of Transportation for capital needs.
5. Part E authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to transfer Highway Fund Personal Services balances available at the end of fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 to the Department of Transportation Highway and Bridge Capital, Highway Light Capital and Maintenance and Operations programs for capital or all other needs. The funds may be allocated by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and the approval of the Governor.
6. Part F authorizes the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, at the request of the Department of Transportation, to issue up to \$200,000,000 in TransCap Trust Fund revenue bonds to support capital improvements to the State's transportation infrastructure.
7. Part G increases the amount of fuel tax revenue dedicated to the TransCap Trust Fund beginning in fiscal year 2023-24.
8. Part H changes the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund to reflect the retirement of liquor operation revenue bonds in fiscal year 2022-23 and directs the first \$7,000,000 in profits received pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, section 90 be deposited as undedicated revenue in the General Fund and any additional profits received pursuant to Title 28-A, section 90 be deposited as undedicated revenue in the Highway Fund. This Part also eliminates the Health Care Liability Retirement Fund.
9. Part I with requires that 40% of the revenue from the 5.5% sales tax collected on sales of automobiles by dealers licensed by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles and 40% of the 5.5% sales and use tax collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles attributable to the sales and use tax collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles be transferred

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to the Highway Fund. The transfer of sales tax revenue is done after the reduction for the transfer to the Local Government Fund so it does not affect the amount provided under so-called revenue sharing. It does not include revenue from the taxes imposed on short-term rentals of automobiles. It also adds Highway Fund allocations to the Department of Transportation for capital projects and also adds an appropriation to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to provide funding for computer system upgrades for the sales and use tax diversion.

Public Law 2023, chapter 189 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 16, 2023.

### **LD 260 An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 50 does the following.

1. Part A makes allocations.
2. Part B requires the State Controller to carry forward any unexpended balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, after all financial commitments for obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made, at the end of fiscal year 2022-23 and at the end of fiscal year 2023-24 to the next fiscal year to the All Other line category in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, of which up to \$2,000,000 is to be used for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles modernization project and up to \$7,000,000 is to be used for the new license plate general issue project.
3. Part C authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to implement a program to develop the expertise of transportation workers and ferry service workers. The program must provide that upon successful completion of the program and demonstration of prescribed competencies, employees in these classifications may immediately progress to the next level in the respective classification series.

Public Law 2023, chapter 50 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 5, 2023.

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### **LD 318 Resolve, to Designate the Route 170 Bridge Located in Webster Plantation the Gary "Swampy" Worster Memorial Bridge**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 3 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 5116 on Route 170 in Webster Plantation the Gary "Swampy" Worster Memorial Bridge.

### **LD 331 Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Canaan After Staff Sergeant Richard Gerald Salisbury**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 2 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 6116 on Moores Mills Road in the Town of Canaan the Staff Sergeant Richard Gerald Salisbury Memorial Bridge.

### **LD 382 Resolve, Naming Portions of a Highway in St. George**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 30 directs the Department of Transportation to name two portions of Route 131 in the Town of St. George for Deputy Sheriff Frank J. Buzynski and Deputy Sheriff Frank E. Ross, Jr. and are designated notwithstanding any previous legislatively designated name.

### **LD 397 An Act to Allow Signs at Outdoor Athletic Facilities**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 214 allows a municipality to build and maintain an advertising sign visible to the traveling public from a public way at an outdoor athletic facility as long as the sign is oriented inward to the persons visiting or using the facility, is secured to a fence, scoreboard or accessory structure, does not exceed the height of the structure on which it is located and does not exceed 4 feet by 8 feet. Revenue collected from advertising fees under this section by a municipality must be used for purposes related to the construction, maintenance, operation or programming of the athletic facility.

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### **LD 404 Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 89 directs the Department of Transportation, subject to available funding resources, permitting and municipal agreements, to remove 31 miles of state-owned inactive existing railroad track between the Town of Standish and the Town of Fryeburg and replace the track with an interim 10-foot-wide bicycle and pedestrian trail, surfaced with either pavement or stone dust on the existing rail bed.

### **LD 456 An Act to Support the Safe Use of Bicycles and Roller Skis**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 334 clarifies that traffic includes bicycles and roller skis when making a left turn on 2-way roads. It prohibits a person operating a motor vehicle near a person operating a bicycle or roller skis and proceeding in the opposite direction from making a left turn unless the turn can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with the safe and legal operation of the bicycle or roller skis.

### **LD 467 Resolve, to Study Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 53 directs the Commissioner of Transportation to convene a working group on accessible electric vehicle charging stations. The working group consists of at least nine members appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation. The commissioner must appoint two chairs from the members. The working group must develop a document that simplifies and standardizes the U.S. Access Board's Design Recommendations for Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for use by contractors and other parties interested in design and installation. This document may include user accessibility, charging station aisle width and design, equipment placement, signs and other elements. The working group must develop standards regarding accessibility for local code enforcement. The Department of Transportation must provide necessary staffing services to the working group. No later than January 3, 2024, the working group must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation that includes its recommendations, including suggested legislation. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may submit legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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### **LD 502 Resolve, Designating the Desert of Maine Overpass the Matthew MacMillan Overpass**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 1 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 5741 on Desert Road in the Town of Freeport the Matthew MacMillan Overpass.

### **LD 522 An Act to Require That Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow and Ice When Operated on Public Ways**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 107 requires the operator of a vehicle with a registered weight under 10,000 pounds to take reasonable measures to prevent snow or ice from falling off the vehicle while it is being operated on a public way and provides for a fine of not more than \$50 for a first offense and of not less than \$150 and not more than \$250 for each subsequent offense. It also adds snow and ice to the definition of "load" in the provisions of law governing unsecured loads.

### **LD 528 An Act to Improve Road Safety for Waste and Recycling Collection Employees**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 68 adds requirements for persons attempting to pass business vehicles used to transport refuse, garbage, compost, recycling or trash. It also clarifies that business vehicles used to transport compost or recycling may be equipped with auxiliary lights that emit a flashing amber light.

Current law requires persons attempting to pass vehicles used to assist members of the public or law enforcement officers with disabled vehicles or to remove debris from a roadway, including wreckers, or vehicles used to construct, maintain, inspect or repair utility infrastructure to do so in a nonadjacent lane when possible or at a careful and prudent speed if the vehicles are using their authorized lights.

### **LD 552 An Act Regarding the Definition of "Reportable Accident"**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 27 changes the threshold amount of apparent property damage after which an accident must be reported from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

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### **LD 556 An Act to Limit the Driver's License Reinstatement Fee in Certain Circumstances**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 363 requires the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles to collect only a single reinstatement fee of \$50, instead of two or more reinstatement fees in certain circumstances.

### **LD 575 An Act Regarding a Seat Belt Exemption for Persons with a Medical Condition**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 364 allows a physician to designate the duration of the applicant's medical condition for the purpose of allowing an exemption from the seat belt requirements for adult drivers and passengers for a period not to exceed six years, beginning January 1, 2024.

### **LD 598 An Act to Require a Vehicle Operator to Notify an Owner or Law Enforcement Officer of an Accident Involving a Dog, a Cat or Livestock**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 302 clarifies under the law governing accidents involving property damage that property includes dogs, cats and livestock. It adds a requirement that when the property damaged is a dog, a cat or livestock, the property owner cannot be located and a report is not required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29 A, section 2251, the operator must take reasonable steps to immediately report the incident to a law enforcement officer or animal control officer.

### **LD 607 Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Examine Improving Highway Connections from Interstate 95 to the St. John Valley**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 63 directs the Department of Transportation to convene a stakeholder group to identify and develop strategies to address highway mobility and transportation needs in northern Maine. The stakeholder group consists of 11 members appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation. The stakeholder group is directed to determine to what extent the Aroostook County Transportation Study recommendations have been or will be implemented; review the previous studies analyzing the feasibility of connecting Interstate 95 to the St. John Valley and Aroostook County with a new 90-mile divided highway or with improvements to existing highways; review the conceptual benefits, costs, permitting process and feasible funding sources of a highway connecting Interstate 95 to the St. John Valley and unorganized territory of Central Aroostook; review current and future highway improvement plans that include Aroostook County;

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recommend highway improvements that will substantially improve safety, mobility and economic opportunity in northern Maine; and identify the economic and social benefits and costs of improved integration between highway systems in Canada and Maine. By December 31, 2023, the department must submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The committee is allowed to report out legislation based on the recommendations of the stakeholder group to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

### **LD 652 An Act to Allow the Reinstatement of Certain Commercial Driver's Licenses**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 108 allows for the reinstatement, in accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 383.51(a)(6) (2023), of a commercial license of any driver who has been disqualified for life from operating a commercial motor vehicle for offenses described in paragraphs (b)(1) to (b)(8) of Table 1 to 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 383.51 (2023).

### **LD 686 An Act to Enhance Safety for Animal-drawn Vehicles on Highways**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 301 allows for a slow-moving vehicle emblem to be used instead of the requirement for an animal-drawn vehicle to be equipped with reflective tape.

### **LD 687 An Act to Increase the Allowable Width of a Snowplow**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 72 increases from 108 inches to 126 inches the maximum allowable width of a vehicle with a snowplow and equipment mounted on the vehicle traveling from one work location to another work location during a storm event or from the point of purchase to a storage location.

### **LD 754 Resolve, Directing the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission to Examine Restoring Passenger Rail from Boston to Montreal**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 101 directs the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission to examine restoring passenger rail from Boston, Massachusetts to Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The commissions are directed to

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submit a report with their findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by December 6, 2023.

### **LD 819 An Act to Reduce the Penalty for Operating a Motor Vehicle Under a Suspended License in Certain Situations**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 312 provides that a person commits a traffic infraction when operating while a license is suspended if the sole basis for suspension is failure to provide proof of insurance to the Secretary of State, failure to pay child support, failure to appear in court or failure to comply with a medical examination request from the Secretary of State.

### **LD 966 An Act to Align the Automobile Title Requirements with Those of Antique Automobiles**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 402 exempts all vehicles from title requirements when they are more than 25 years old, except when the Secretary of State determines it is in the best interest of the State and the applicant to issue a title to a vehicle more than 25 years old.

### **LD 980 An Act Regarding Passing Stationary Motor Vehicles on Public Ways**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 122 requires an operator of a vehicle passing a stationary vehicle that is disabled or using flashing lights to pass in a nonadjacent lane or at a careful and prudent speed. The fine for violating this requirement is not less than \$275.

### **LD 1019 An Act Regarding Water Testing Related to Storage Facilities**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 367 includes private water supplies that are hydrogeologically downgradient from a state-owned salt storage facility in the law governing the contamination of private water supplies adjacent to state or state aid highways. It requires the Department of Transportation to arrange for and pay the cost of testing the private water supplies for any contaminants that may derive from the department constructing, reconstructing or maintaining a state aid or state-owned highway or storing salt in a state-owned salt storage facility upon request by the landowner.

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### **LD 1030 Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Report on the School Bus Driver Shortage**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 40 directs that the Secretary of State must, by January 3, 2024, submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation with any findings related to the school bus driver shortage, the efforts the Secretary of State has made to alleviate the shortage and any recommendations, including suggested legislation, to alleviate the shortage. The committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

### **LD 1072 An Act Regarding the Bureau of Motor Vehicles**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 257 does the following.

1. It allows the Secretary of State or the secretary's designee to waive a penalty or fee if it is determined that the circumstances that caused the penalty or fee justify the waiver.
2. It reallocates the provisions of law governing the issuance of temporary license plates from the laws governing motor vehicle registration to the laws governing motor vehicle dealers, who issue the plates. It also changes cross-references as needed and makes a change for consistency with current law.
3. It repeals the honorary consul license plate as the Federal Government has advised states not to issue them.
4. It specifies that the issuance of a temporary registration permit for the transportation of a tiny home is for occasional transportation only.
5. It requires a lienholder who participates in the electronic lien titling program to register with the Secretary of State.
6. It requires the Secretary of State to permanently revoke, without preliminary hearing, the commercial driver's license of a person who has been convicted of a felony involving an act or practice of severe forms of human trafficking in which a commercial motor vehicle was used. This requirement is mandated by federal law.
7. It allows the Secretary of State to provide social security numbers within the Department of the Secretary of State to implement the federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993, the

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federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 or other federal election law within the central voter registration system.

8. It extends the fingerprinting requirement for driver education instructors from every 5 years to every 6 years, to coincide with their instructor license renewals, which are every 2 years.
9. It clarifies that the Secretary of State may provide databases of records pertaining to applications, registrations and certifications of vehicles and to driver's licenses to individuals, businesses and other entities only as allowed by law.
10. It amends the laws governing the issuance of special veteran's registration plates for motor vehicles and motorcycles by adding an eligibility for National Guard members who have served a minimum of 20 years and have been honorably discharged to qualify for the plates.
11. It changes the categories of instructor licensure for driver education schools from Class A and Class B to Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 and specifies that a Class 3 instructor license authorizes the holder to teach only the classroom phase of driver education as an employee or affiliate of a licensed driver education school.
12. It provides that when a person has operated a motor vehicle in such a manner as to cause the death of a person or has been convicted of criminal homicide or attempted criminal homicide, the Secretary of State may revoke that person's driver's license for at least 5 years without further hearing upon receipt of an attested copy of the court records as long as the attested copy is received within one year of the date of conviction.
13. It updates provisions in the bill to reflect the changes made in Public Law 2023, chapter 85 regarding the number of motor vehicles and motorcycles for which a veteran may request special veterans' registration.
14. It makes technical changes to those sections of the bill amending the laws governing commercial driver's licenses and the confidentiality of driver's license information.

### **LD 1120 Resolve, to Install a Suicide Barrier on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 90 directs the Department of Transportation to construct and maintain pedestrian barrier fences on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge for the purpose of suicide prevention and requires the department to report on its progress every 6 months until the installation of the fences is complete.

Resolve 2023, chapter 90 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 30, 2023.

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### **LD 1200 Resolve, to Convene a Driver Education Working Group to Evaluate Hardships to Underserved Populations and Low-income Families**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 94 directs the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles to convene a working group to study potential solutions regarding the cost of and access to driver education for underserved populations and low-income families. The working group is required to submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, which is authorized to submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

### **LD 1296 An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Allow Firefighters to Have Increased Lighting on Their Personal Vehicles**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 131 changes the length of the red-light bar allowed on vehicles of active members of municipal or volunteer fire departments to 12 inches up to the width between the tops of the doors.

### **LD 1341 An Act to Modernize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Mobile Services**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 418 directs the Secretary of State to modernize the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles' mobile services including traveling units, computer tablets, computers, printers, vehicle expenses and other information technology by establishing and operating a program to provide mobile services for certain bureau services. It provides that the program must be funded with up to \$1,000,000 in available prior year balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, Highway Fund account in accordance with Public Law 2023, chapter 50, Part B. It requires the funds to be distributed by financial order upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.

### **LD 1390 An Act to Provide Self-service Motor Vehicle Services**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 419 directs the Secretary of State to establish and operate eight self-service kiosks to provide vehicle registration renewals and renewals or replacements of driver's licenses or nondriver identification cards. It also directs the Secretary of State to investigate the various types of self-service kiosks that provide services offered by the Department

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of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles that are available to the State, including those self-service kiosks that are offered at no cost to the State and to provide a report that includes the findings of the investigation and any recommendations, including any proposed statutory changes, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by January 3, 2024. It authorizes the committee to report out a bill related to self-service kiosks that provide services offered by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature. It provides that to fund the leasing of eight self-service kiosks, including for technology costs to provide certain motor vehicle services, the Secretary of State may use up to \$1,000,000 in available prior year balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, Highway Fund account as authorized for this purpose in Public Law 2023, chapter 50, Part B. The funds may be allotted by financial order upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.

### **LD 1463 An Act to Amend the Definition of "Farming" Under the Motor Vehicle Laws to Include Equines Not Raised for Racing**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 403 changes the definition of "farming" in the motor vehicle statutes to include raising equines not raised for commercial racing. It requires the Secretary of State to provide a report that describes the financial impact to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles from including "equines not raised for racing at a commercial track" in the definition of "farming" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 23 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by November 6, 2024. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may submit legislation relating to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

### **LD 1559 An Act to Advance the State's Public Transit Systems by Reinvigorating the Public Transit Advisory Council**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 319 does the following.

1. It specifies that the Department of Transportation's duty to facilitate and support the public transportation systems in the State to achieve accessibility, affordability and convenience is for the average person's mobility needs.
2. It amends the membership of the Public Transit Advisory Council.
3. It directs that the council shall annually elect a chair and vice chair from among its members, each of whom serve for a term of one year.

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4. It requires the council to meet 3 times a year and allows the council to create subcommittees.
5. It changes the council's report provided each year to include an assessment of the infrastructure provided in each geographic region. It adds that the report must include recommendations for supporting infrastructure that should be provided and an estimate of the cost of providing that infrastructure and a recommendation for including additional funding as needed.

### **LD 1674 An Act to Require and Encourage Safe and Interconnected Transportation**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 237 does the following.

1. It directs the Department of Transportation to adopt rules to ensure that all persons, including bicyclists, pedestrians, persons of all ages and abilities, transit users and motor vehicle users are safe on the State's public ways and that all persons have safe and efficient access to the transportation system. It directs the department, in adopting those rules, to use the Complete Streets Policy completed in 2014 and revised in June 2019 and all policy documents and standard practices related to the following community-based initiatives: the Municipal Partnership Initiative, the Village Partnership Initiative, the Business Partnership Initiative and the Planning Partnership Initiative.
2. It adds safety metrics and crash data to the considerations under the department's priorities, service levels, asset management goals and reporting.
3. It provides that, at the request of a municipality, the department must perform a road safety evaluation.
4. It requires, by January 3, 2024, that the department report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation on the department's evaluation of how speed limits are set; provide recommendations for changes to state, county and municipal street design standards, state laws and municipal ordinances to achieve the goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2035; and report any findings related to speed limits or traffic fatalities and recommendations, including suggested legislation. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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### **LD 1822 An Act to Amend the Specialty License Plate Laws and Extend the Moratorium on Approval of Specialty License Plates and Remove the Authority of Municipalities to Issue Driver's Licenses**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 271 does the following.

1. It removes language that anticipated that municipal offices would issue driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards.
2. It amends the laws regarding specialty license plates regarding fees, duplicate numbers, the preliminary approval process and mechanisms for limiting the number of specialty license plates issued.
3. It extends the moratorium on approval of new specialty or recognition license plates to June 30, 2025.

Public Law 2023, chapter 271 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2023.

### **LD 1843 Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Bremen the Kitty Breskin Memorial Bridge**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 64 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 6472 on Waldoboro Road in the Town of Bremen the Kitty Breskin Memorial Bridge.

### **LD 1848 Resolve, to Designate the Route 15 Bridge Located in the Town of Kenduskeag the William S. Pullen Bridge**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 72 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 2967 on Route 15 in the Town of Kenduskeag the William S. Pullen Bridge.

Resolve 2023, chapter 72 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2023.

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### **LD 1965 An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Provide a New General Issue of License Plates**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 421 provides that the Secretary of State may issue a new general issuance plate. The plate may have one of two designs. It requires the Secretary of State to evaluate how frequently new registration plates are issued and submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The committee is authorized to report out a bill related to the report. It provides that the Secretary of State must implement the new license plate general issue project, including project contractor costs; technology and programming costs; plate material, production and manufacturing costs; and mailing costs, with up to \$7,000,000 in available prior year balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, Highway Fund account as authorized for this purpose in Public Law 2023, chapter 50, Part B. The funds may be allotted by financial order upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.