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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1256, L.D. 1769, Bill, "An Act To Make Various Changes to the Motor Vehicle Laws"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§27-B is enacted to read:

27-B. Heavy duty recovery vehicle. "Heavy duty recovery vehicle" means a wrecker that:

A. Is designed for the specific purpose of recovering vehicles that have a gross, combined or actual weight of more than 80,000 pounds;

B. Has either 4 or 5 axles;

C. Has a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of 70,000 pounds or more;

D. Is equipped with a recovery boom that is rated for 70,000 pounds or more;

E. Is equipped with an air brake system capable of providing compressed air to the braking or suspension system of a vehicle being towed by the heavy duty recovery vehicle; and

F. Is capable of towing a combination vehicle with a gross weight of more than 99,000 pounds.'

Amend the bill in section 4 in paragraph D in subparagraph (5) in the last line (page 2, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "as defined in Title 25, section 2801-A, subsection 5"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6.

Amend the bill in section 8 in paragraph D in the 5th line (page 2, line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "predicted"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 'Sec. 9. 29-A MRS §2382, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2011, c. 556, §22, is
2 further amended to read:

3 **5. Long-term permits.** The Secretary of State may grant permits for up to one year
4 for trucks, truck tractors, semitrailers, heavy duty recovery vehicles and Class A special
5 mobile equipment. Notwithstanding Title 5, section 8071, subsection 2, paragraph A, the
6 Secretary of State, in consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation, shall
7 establish the fee schedule by rule. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine
8 technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

9 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
10 section number to read consecutively.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This amendment makes the following changes to the bill:

- 13 1. It defines "heavy duty recovery vehicle";
- 14 2. It adds heavy duty recovery vehicles to the list of vehicles allowed to be issued
15 long-term permits for overweight operation issued by the Secretary of State;
- 16 3. It removes the section of the bill that amends the definition of "text messaging";
- 17 4. It removes a cross-reference to the definition of "law enforcement officer"; and
- 18 5. It modifies the definition of "snow event."

19 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

20 **(See attached)**



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LD 1769

LR 2346(02)

An Act To Make Various Changes to the Motor Vehicle Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-515)*

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Highway Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional fine revenue will increase General Fund and dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Secretary of State and Transportation associated with rulemaking can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.