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An Act Regarding Municipal Authority over Heavy Vehicle Operation

(EMERGENCY)

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WALKER of Naples.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation amends the law relating to license classes to allow local units of government to expeditiously address removal of snow or ice from roadways and needs to take effect during this winter season; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1252-A is enacted to read:

§1252-A. Class M license

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a Class M license may be issued to a city, town, county, district or other local unit of government created by or pursuant to law for the operation of a single motor vehicle or a combination of vehicles that meet the definition of a Class A or Class B license for the purpose of removing snow or ice from a roadway by plowing or sanding within the boundaries of that local unit of government. A Class M license must be held by that local unit of government and must be assigned to only one individual employed by that local unit of government. There is no limit on the number of Class M licenses issued to a local unit of government. An individual who is assigned to operate a single motor vehicle or a combination of vehicles under a Class M license must pass all required written and road safety tests.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This bill creates a Class M license that may be issued to a local unit of government for the operation of a single motor vehicle or combination of vehicles that meet the definition of a Class A or Class B license for the purpose of removing snow or ice from a roadway by plowing or sanding within the boundaries of that local unit of government. A Class M license must be held by that local unit of government and must be assigned to only one individual employed by that local unit of government.