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a governmental or scientific organization or a hot air balloon that is recovered after launching.

In addition to any penalty under section 2264-A, violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction under Title 29-A, chapter 23, subchapter ~~VI~~ 6.

A record of a violation of this subsection must be forwarded to the Secretary of State who, in accordance with Title 29-A, section 2607, shall add the violation to the department's point system. The violation is counted in determining an individual's total points under the point system of the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

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CHAPTER 177

S.P. 71 - L.D. 135

An Act to Provide Compensation to Members of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to Enhance Equitable Commission Participation from Across the State

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7030-E, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 191, §1, is amended to read:

§7030-E. Meetings; compensation

The commission shall meet at the call of the chair not less than 4 times each year. Mileage and toll reimbursement for commission members are authorized for up to 2 meetings per year.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§88-A, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 191, §2, is amended to read:

88-A.

Women	Permanent Commission on the Status of Women	Not Authorized <u>Mileage and toll reimbursement for up to 2 meetings per year</u>	5 MRSA §7029
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Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 0692

Initiative: Provides allocations to provide mileage and toll reimbursement for up to 2 meetings per year for members of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$3,290	\$3,290
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,290</u>	<u>\$3,290</u>

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CHAPTER 178

H.P. 170 - L.D. 267

An Act Regarding the Remote Appearance of Counsel in Pretrial Nontestimonial Criminal Matters

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §458 is enacted to read:

§458. Appearance of counsel by remote methods

Unless the court orders otherwise in the interests of justice, the court shall schedule pretrial nontestimonial criminal matters in a manner that permits the appearance of counsel by remote methods to the greatest extent possible. As used in this section, "remote methods" has the same meaning as in Title 1, section 403-B, subsection 1.

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CHAPTER 179

S.P. 247 - L.D. 567

An Act to Designate the 2nd Week of May and the 2nd Week of September as Dark Sky Week

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §150-W is enacted to read:

§150-W. Dark Sky Week

The 2nd full week in May and the 2nd full week in September of each year is designated as Dark Sky Week to celebrate the dark skies of the State and to bring attention to the effects of artificial light on spring bird migration and the importance of curbing artificial light pollution. The Governor shall issue annually a proclamation inviting and urging citizens and schools to observe each week with appropriate activities and study.

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