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than 100 feet from the vehicle in the center of the same lane in the opposite direction; and

C. One flare or ~~lantern or red emergency reflector~~ bidirectional emergency reflective triangle at the traffic side of the vehicle not closer than 10 feet from the front or rear.

~~When lights are not required to be illuminated, red flags must be used, except that no flag is required to be placed at the side of the vehicle.~~

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1952, as amended by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §§25 and 26 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is further amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

As used in this section, "bidirectional emergency reflective triangle" means an emergency warning device that meets the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 571.125.

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CHAPTER 548

S.P. 805 - L.D. 1992

An Act to Create a Process for the Residents of a Municipality to Withdraw from a School Union

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1905 is enacted to read:

§1905. Withdrawal

The residents of a participating municipality of a municipal school unit within a school union may petition and vote to withdraw from the school union in the same manner as a single municipality within a school administrative unit may petition to withdraw from a regional school unit in accordance with section 1466.

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CHAPTER 549

H.P. 1346 - L.D. 2016

An Act to Eliminate the Thermal Imaging Camera Program

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2403, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 439, Pt. BBBB, §1, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 550

H.P. 1367 - L.D. 2037

An Act to Update the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Allowances

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §580-B, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2017, c. 323, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Base annual budget. Until January 1, 2014, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is established at 5,948,902 tons of carbon dioxide. For the year 2014, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is established at 3,277,250 tons of carbon dioxide. Beginning with the year 2015, the annual carbon dioxide emissions budget must decline by 2.5% each year through the year 2020. For the year 2021, the department shall establish the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget in accordance with the model rule and with rules adopted pursuant to subsection 4. Beginning with the year 2022, the annual carbon dioxide emissions budget must decline by 2.5% of the 2014 base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget each year through the year ~~2030~~ 2026. Beginning with the year 2027, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budgets are as follows.

A. For the year 2027, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 2,065,595 tons.

B. For the year 2028, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 1,807,395 tons.

C. For the year 2029, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 1,549,196 tons.

D. For the year 2030, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 1,290,997 tons.

E. For the year 2031, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 1,032,797 tons.

F. For the year 2032, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 774,598 tons.

G. For the year 2033, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 516,399 tons.

H. For the year 2034, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 442,627 tons.

I. For the year 2035, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 368,856 tons.

J. For the year 2036, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 295,085 tons.

K. For the year 2037 and each subsequent year, the base annual carbon dioxide emissions budget is 221,314 tons.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §580-B, sub-§4, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 317, §17, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §580-B, sub-§10, ¶D, as repealed and replaced by PL 2009, c. 652, Pt. A, §61, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §580-C, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 317, §17, is amended to read:

1. Withdrawal by State. The ability of this State to withdraw from the regional greenhouse gas initiative; ~~or~~.

Sec. 5. 38 MRSA §580-C, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 317, §17, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 551

S.P. 804 - L.D. 2126

An Act to Eliminate the Juvenile Crime of Willful Refusal to Pay a Fine or Comply with the Terms of a Court Order

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3103, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2003, c. 305, §2, is further amended to read:

C. Offenses involving intoxicating liquor, as provided in Title 28-A, sections 2051 and 2052 and offenses involving refusal to provide proper identification as provided in Title 28-A, section 2087; and

Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §3103, sub-§1, ¶G, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 688, Pt. A, §12, is amended to read:

G. A violation of section 393, subsection 1, paragraph C or section 393, subsection 1-A; ~~and~~.

Sec. 3. 15 MRSA §3103, sub-§1, ¶H, as amended by PL 2025, c. 431, §7, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 15 MRSA §3201, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2025, c. 431, §9, is further amended to read:

1. Warrantless arrests. Arrests without warrants of juveniles for juvenile crimes defined by section 3103, subsection 1, paragraphs A, and G ~~and H~~ by law enforcement officers or private persons must be made pursuant to the provisions of Title 17-A, sections 15 and 16. ~~For purposes of this section, a juvenile crime defined under section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph H is deemed a Class D or Class E crime.~~ A law enforcement officer or private person may not arrest a juvenile for a juvenile crime defined by section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph B or C.

Sec. 5. 15 MRSA §3310, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2025, c. 431, §15, is further amended to read:

4. Standard of proof. If the court finds that the elements of the juvenile crime as defined in section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph A; or G ~~or H~~ are not supported by evidence beyond a reasonable doubt or that the elements of a juvenile crime as defined in section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph B or C are not supported by a preponderance of the evidence, the court shall order the petition dismissed and the juvenile discharged from any detention or restriction previously ordered. The juvenile's parents, guardian or other legal custodian must also be discharged from any restriction or other temporary order.

Sec. 6. 15 MRSA §3310, sub-§5, ¶A, as amended by PL 2025, c. 431, §16, is further amended to read:

A. If the court finds that the allegations of the petition alleging a juvenile crime as defined in section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph A; or G ~~or H~~ are supported by evidence beyond a reasonable doubt or that the allegations of a petition alleging a juvenile crime as defined in section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph B or C are supported by a preponderance of the evidence, the court shall adjudge that the juvenile committed a juvenile crime and shall, in all such adjudications, issue an order of adjudication.

Sec. 7. 15 MRSA §3314, sub-§1, ¶G, as amended by PL 2025, c. 431, §17, is further amended to read:

G. ~~Except for a violation of the juvenile crimes defined in section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph H,~~ The court may impose a fine, subject to Title 17-A, sections 1701 to 1711, except that there is no mandatory minimum fine amount. For the purpose of this section, juvenile crimes defined in section 3103, subsection 1, paragraphs B and C and juvenile crimes under Title 12 or Title 29-A are subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.

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CHAPTER 552

S.P. 898 - L.D. 2205

An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Geographic Boundaries Between Certain Judicial Divisions in Aroostook County

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §153, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2025, c. 436, §2, is further amended to read: