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Part C directs the State Controller to carry forward up to \$2,500,000 in unexpended balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of 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 2024-25 to the next fiscal year to the All Other line category in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program. These funds must be used to continue the modernization of systems and services at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Public Law 2025, chapter 3 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 21, 2025.

LD 280 An Act to Establish Lifetime Ferry Passes for Retired Maine State Ferry Service Employees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 228 specifies that a former state employee who was employed for at least 15 years with the Maine State Ferry Service and who is a year-round resident of an island served by the Maine State Ferry Service is eligible for the lifetime ferry pass. It specifies a person may receive a waiver from any reservation fees only if the lifetime ferry pass is presented when making the reservation. A “lifetime ferry pass” is defined as a nontransferable pass that provides, on a ferry operated by the Maine State Ferry Service, unlimited walk-on passages for a passenger to and from the island on which the retiree resides and one round-trip passage per month for a passenger and that passenger’s vehicle during peak season as determined by rules adopted by the Department of Transportation and two round-trip passages per month during off-peak season as determined by rules adopted by the department.

LD 289 Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Bingham the Barry A. DeLong Bridge

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 27 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 2027, which carries Route 201 over Austin Stream in the Town of Bingham, the Barry A. DeLong Bridge.

LD 312 An Act Regarding the Rates of Speed at Which School Buses Travel

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 199 removes language limiting a school bus to a speed of 45 miles per hour, including when transporting pupils.