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132ND LEGISLATURE
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deceptive, predatory or irresponsible practices. The working group is also required to review the laws governing notification to vehicle owners and lienholders, if any, when a vehicle is towed or left without permission on a residential or business property and to examine the circumstances related to the disposition of the vehicle when the owner is involuntarily hospitalized. The working group is required to submit a report by February 3, 2026 to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, which is authorized to introduce legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 1390 Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Develop Recommendations for a Multiyear Registration System for National Car Rental Companies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 78 requires the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, with input from the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, to consider and develop recommendations on how to implement a multiyear registration and inspection program for national car rental companies in the State. It requires the Secretary of State to submit a report by December 3, 2025 detailing how such a program may be implemented to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, which may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 1411 An Act to Modify the Laws Regarding Driver's License Applications

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 165 modifies the penalties applicable to a person who fails to obtain a license within 30 days of becoming a resident of this State. A person who violates this provision commits a traffic infraction and, if the person has been a resident for at least 90 days, the person may be fined a minimum of \$150 up to a maximum fine of \$500. It eliminates the Class E crime for violating this provision. It also modifies the provision of law that requires a person to disclose the person's social security number on the person's application for a driver's license or nondriver identification card. It clarifies that the provision to provide a person's social security number is not applicable to any person who is ineligible to receive a social security number, whether or not the person provides proof to the Secretary of State.

LD 1451 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Establish the Maine Coordinating Working Group on Access and Mobility

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 101 requires the Department of Transportation to establish the Maine Coordinating Working Group on Access and Mobility. The working group is tasked with developing an implementation plan to improve access to transportation across the State through

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interagency coordination and engagement with stakeholders. It also requires the Department of Transportation to submit a report with the implementation plan, including any necessary legislation and estimated appropriations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by February 1, 2026. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 1562 An Act Regarding Municipal Road Standards

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 395 makes the following changes related to municipal road standards.

1. It requires a municipal officer or county commissioner responsible for maintenance and repair of a town way to be notified by a resident in writing of a defect in the town way that is not safe and convenient. It specifies that safety is determined based on existing roadway surface and the season of the year.
2. It allows the municipal officer or county commissioner, once notified, to evaluate the risk based on existing roadway surface and the season of the year and recommend a reasonably achievable repair.
3. It allows a person who receives bodily injury or suffers damage to the person's property through any defect or want of repair on any town way to recover for the same in a civil action.
4. It allows the legislative body of a municipality to appoint the municipal board of appeals to receive a petition of a road defect to review.
5. It repeals the provision about the manner of presenting a petition and replaces it with the requirements that the municipal board of appeals set a time and place near the defective town way for a hearing on the petition. If the board of appeals adjudges the town way to be safe and convenient based on existing roadway surface and the season of the year, the board of appeals must dismiss the petition.
6. It repeals the provision of the provision of law about failure of a town to comply with the repairs prescribed by the county commissioners.

LD 1568 An Act to Allow the Use of a Siren in a Vehicle Used by a Harbor Master or Deputy Harbor Master

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 190 adds a municipal vehicle operated by a harbor master or deputy harbor master to the list of authorized emergency vehicles. It allows a municipality to authorize an authorized emergency vehicle owned by a municipality and operated by a harbor master or