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deputy harbor master to be equipped with a siren in addition to authorized lights. It also requires a person appointed or reappointed as a harbor master or deputy harbor master to have completed an emergency vehicle operation course provided by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police if operating a vehicle while exercising emergency privileges.

Public Law 2025, chapter 190 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 9, 2025.

LD 1581 An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax and Registration Fees Exemption for Certain Veterans

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 152 requires that, in order for an automobile to qualify for the excise tax exemption provided in current law for certain veterans who are disabled, the name of the qualifying veteran must appear on the automobile's certificate of title. It also specifies that a maximum of three automobiles owned by a veteran are eligible for exemption from registration fees and the excise tax.

Public Law 2025, chapter 152 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 30, 2025.

LD 1616 An Act to Eliminate Requirements for Drivers to Surrender Their Physical Driver's Licenses During a Temporary Suspension

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 173 eliminates requirements for an individual whose license has been temporarily suspended to surrender the individual's physical driver's license to allow the individual to keep the individual's primary identity documentation in the individual's possession. It also eliminates provisions establishing crimes and traffic infractions associated with display or possession of a suspended driver's license.

LD 1874 An Act to Enable the Maine Pilotage Commission to Oversee Pilots Operating in Portland Harbor

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 253 makes the following changes to the laws governing the Maine Pilotage Commission.

1. It transfers jurisdiction over pilots operating in Portland Harbor from the Board of Harbor Commissioners for Portland Harbor to the Maine Pilotage Commission.

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2. It changes the description of the coastal zones in the laws governing the Maine Pilotage Commission and, in the case of Portland Harbor, provides that certain vessels are exempt from the laws governing the Maine Pilotage Commission.
3. It updates the membership of the Maine Pilotage Commission. The Maine Pilotage Commission must have one member, rather than two members, of the public who is not a licensed pilot but has a maritime background. It also requires that member to be appointed from a list of qualified potential appointees provided by the mayor of the City of Portland and the mayor of the City of South Portland.
4. It specifies the Maine Pilotage Commission is required to make just and reasonable pilotage rates.