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HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the traffic accidents which occur on Maine roads and the resulting deaths, injuries, and destruction to property are of priority concern to this Administration; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive and cooperative efforts among many State agencies and political subdivisions are required to reduce the tragic toll resulting from traffic accidents; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Highway Safety Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-564) provides "that the Governor of each State is responsible for the State's highway safety programs" and provides federal funds for State highway safety programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has established a rule that each state shall have a "State Highway Safety Agency" responsible for a highway safety program, and authorized to:

- (1) develop and implement a process for obtaining information about the highway safety programs administered by other state and local agencies;
- (2) provide or facilitate the provision of technical assistance to other State agencies and political subdivisions to develop highway safety programs; and
- (3) provide financial and technical assistance to other State agencies and political sub-divisions in carrying out highway safety programs; and

WHEREAS, such "State Highway Safety Agency" shall be headed by a Governor's Highway Safety Representative; and

WHEREAS, many highway safety program activities are subject to on-going review by the Department of Public Safety through Alcohol and Drug Enforcement, 55 M.P.H. speed enforcement, Motor Vehicle Inspection Programs, Public Information Programs, and other related programs; and

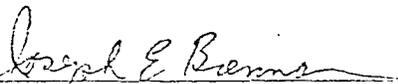
WHEREAS, the Maine Highway Safety Committee has previously been established to stimulate active support for highway safety measures and programs deemed to be in the best interest of furthering the purpose and intent of Highway Safety; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety have recommended that the responsibility to administer the Highway Safety Program should rest with the Department of Public Safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby confirm and establish the said actions as executive policy of my administration and direct that:

- (1) the Department of Public Safety shall be responsible for administering the Highway Safety Program in Maine pursuant to the U.S. Highway Safety Act of 1966 (Pub. L 89-564)
- (2) the designated Highway Safety Representative for the State of Maine shall be the Director of the Bureau of Safety within the Department of Public Safety, and
- (3) the Maine Highway Safety Committee be reorganized to advise the Department of Public Safety and the Governor on highway safety matters. The committee shall consist of not more than 25 members selected by the Governor from state, civic, and industrial groups and organizations and other citizens with interests relating to highway safety. The committee members shall receive no compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary travel expenses.

FURTHERMORE, it is hereby directed that all state agencies work with the Department of Public Safety and the designated Highway Safety Representative to implement this Executive Order. The effective date of this Executive Order shall be December 13, 1980.


JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
Governor