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the progress of any experimental vehicle evaluations and contain recommendations, if any, for legislation leading to their eventual general use on the highway system. If during the previous biennium there has been no activity relating to the evaluation and permitting of experimental vehicles, the reporting requirement is waived.

PART I

Sec. I-1. 6 MRSA §302, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 678, §48, is amended to read:

A. The board shall advise the department on matters relating to aeronautics and ~~shall submit to the commissioner an annual report which shall include~~ recommendations for change to the aeronautical laws and comments upon the present and future needs of that service. ~~Written reports and comments shall be available to the public.~~

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective May 11, 1999.

CHAPTER 153

H.P. 435 - L.D. 577

An Act to Allow Noncommercial Whitewater Rafting Clubs to Submit Names of Dues-paying Members Only

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7365-A, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 626, §1, is amended to read:

A. A list that includes the name, legal residence and home telephone number of each dues-paying member of the club. That list must identify a member as the president of the club and must identify any other officers or board members of the club. An officer or a board member of the club may not be a commercial whitewater outfitter or a licensed whitewater guide. The commissioner may not accept more than one amended membership list from a club ~~in any calendar year between April 1st and November 1st. Only those persons whose names appear on a list filed under this paragraph may participate in a rafting trip of that club on any rapidly flowing river;~~

Sec. 2. Report to the Legislature. By January 15, 2001, the Department of Inland Fisheries

and Wildlife shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters regarding the impact of this Act on other commercial and noncommercial whitewater rafting organizations and outfitters. This report shall identify any safety or overcrowding issues or concerns, including any complaints relating to lost business by commercial outfitters.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 154

H.P. 981 - L.D. 1379

An Act Regarding Municipal Firearm Discharge Ordinances

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3007, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 266, §1, is amended to read:

5. Firearms and bows and arrows. After January 1, 2000, a municipality that adopts or amends a firearm discharge ordinance shall provide the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with a copy of the new or amended firearm discharge ordinance and a copy of any maps that show the areas in the municipality affected by the new or amended ordinance within 30 days from the date that the ordinance is enacted or amended. Municipalities A municipality may not include bows and arrows in any firearms discharge ordinances ordinance.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 155

H.P. 1362 - L.D. 1960

An Act to Change the Names of Divisions within the Bureau of Forestry to More Accurately Reflect the Roles and Duties of Those Divisions

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. 5 MRSA §7-B, as repealed and replaced by PL 1993, c. 349, §4 and amended by PL 1995, c. 502, Pt. E, §30, is further amended to read:

§7-B. Use of state vehicles for commuting