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sonal mobility device, scooter or bicycle equipped with a preemptive traffic light device.

3. Exemptions. This section does not apply to:

A. An authorized emergency vehicle <u>equipped</u> with a signal prioritization device or signal preemption device or both maintained by a municipality, county or state agency or an ambulance or emergency medical services vehicle as defined in section 2054, subsection 1;

B. Transit route buses <u>equipped with signal prioritization devices</u> engaged in the transportation of passengers and maintained by or contracted to a municipal, county or state agency; <del>or</del>

C. A vehicle <u>equipped with a signal prioritization</u> <u>device</u> used by the Department of Transportation for the purpose of installing, maintaining or testing a lighted traffic control device-; or

D. A vehicle equipped with a signal prioritization device owned or contracted by a municipality engaged in snow removal or sanding operations on a public way and authorized by the municipal officers or a vehicle equipped with a signal prioritization device owned or contracted by a county or state agency engaged in snow removal or sanding operations on a public way.

A vehicle under paragraph B, C or D may not operate a signal prioritization device in a manner that impedes or interferes with the use of a signal prioritization device by a vehicle under paragraph A. A vehicle under paragraph C may not operate a signal prioritization device in a manner that impedes or interferes with the use of a signal prioritization device by a vehicle under paragraphs B and D.

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

Effective May 7, 2013.

#### **CHAPTER 62**

#### H.P. 207 - L.D. 298

#### An Act Regarding the Membership of the Emergency Medical Services' Board

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §88, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 274, §18, is further amended to read:

A. The board has one member representing each region and 11 persons in addition. Of the additional persons, one is an emergency physician,

one a representative of emergency medical dispatch providers, 2 representatives one a representative of the public, one a representative of forprofit ambulance services, one an emergency professional nurse, one a representative of nontransporting emergency medical services, one a representative of hospitals, one a fire chief, one a representative of a statewide association of fire chiefs, one a municipal emergency medical services provider and one a representative of not-forprofit ambulance services. The members that represent for-profit ambulance services, nontransporting emergency medical services and not-forprofit ambulance services must be licensed emergency medical services persons. One of the nonpublic members must be a volunteer emergency medical services provider. Appointments are for 3-year terms. Members are appointed by the Governor. The state medical director is an ex officio nonvoting member of the board.

See title page for effective date.

### CHAPTER 63

### S.P. 9 - L.D. 1

#### An Act To Amend the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992

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

**Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §102, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. A, §8 and affected by §§9 to 11, is amended to read:

1. After-tax average weekly wage. "After-tax average weekly wage" means average weekly wage, as defined in subsection 4, reduced by the prorated weekly amount that would have been paid under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act, 26 United States Code, Sections 3101 to 3126, state income tax and federal income tax calculated on an annual basis, using as the number of exemptions the disabled employee's dependents plus the employee, and without excess itemized deductions. Effective January 1, 1993 and each January 1st thereafter until and including January 1, 2012, the applicable federal and state laws in effect on the preceding July 1st are used in determining the after-tax weekly wage. Each December 1st until and including December 1, 2011, the board shall publish tables of the average weekly wage and 80% of aftertax average weekly wage that will take effect on the following January 1st. These tables are conclusive for the purpose of converting an average weekly wage into 80% of after-tax average weekly wage.

**Sec. 2.** 39-A MRSA §102, sub-§8, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. A, §8 and affected by