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erable in a civil action. In assessing a civil penalty under this subsection, the commissioner shall consider, among other things, whether the person made a bona fide effort to comply with the requirements of this section, whether the violation occurred as the result of an error by a vendor, consultant or other party outside the control of the person and whether evidence is present that the person intended to conceal or misrepresent its financial activities.

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CHAPTER 565

H.P. 1341 - L.D. 1875

An Act Regarding the Naming of Bridges and Designating Bridge 5818 as the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §356 is enacted to read:

§356. Parallel bridge naming

When designating a bridge in this State with a specific name, the Department of Transportation shall deem separate bridges that run parallel to one another on the same highway as one bridge for the purposes of that designation.

Sec. 2. Interstate 95 bridge in Waterville named. The Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 5818 on Interstate 95, which crosses Main Street in the City of Waterville, the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge and shall erect an appropriate sign or signs to proclaim this designation.

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CHAPTER 566

H.P. 1349 - L.D. 1883

An Act Regarding the Recommendations of the Federal Traumatic Brain Injury State Partnership Program Concerning the Membership of the Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council

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

Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §19001, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 239, §2, is amended to read:

4. Membership. The commissioner shall appoint ~~16~~ 25 persons to serve as members of the council and shall annually appoint one person to serve as chair. Members serve 2-year terms. Members must represent the following persons and interests:

- A. ~~Two~~ Five members with acquired brain injuries must represent persons with acquired brain injuries;
- B. ~~Two~~ Five members must represent families of persons with acquired brain injuries;
- C. Two members must represent advocates for persons with acquired brain injuries;
- D. Five members must represent providers of services to persons with acquired brain injuries; ~~and~~
- E. Five members must represent state agencies with expertise in the areas of education, employment, prevention of brain injuries, homelessness, corrections and services to veterans. Members of the council who represent state agencies serve ex officio, without the right to vote, and shall provide data, information and expertise to the council; ~~;~~
- F. One member must represent an aging and disability resource center;
- G. One member must represent a center for independent living; and
- H. One member must be the long-term care ombudsman under Title 22, section 5107-A or a representative of the long-term care ombudsman.

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CHAPTER 567

S.P. 688 - L.D. 1986

An Act To Clarify the Law Protecting Job Applicants from Identity Theft

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §598-A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 47, §1, is amended to read:

§598-A. Prospective employee's social security number

~~Beginning~~ Except as required by federal law, beginning January 1, 2020, an employer may not request a social security number from a prospective employee on an employment application or during the application process for employment except for the purposes of substance ~~abuse~~ use testing under subchapter 3-A or a preemployment background check. This section does not apply to an employer's request for a social security number after the employee has been hired.