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part for all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing or other related multiple uses;

(7) Costs associated with a new or expanded transit service, limited to:

(a) Transit service capital costs, including but not limited to: transit vehicles such as buses, ferries, vans, rail conveyances and related equipment; bus shelters and other transit-related structures; and benches, signs and other transit-related infrastructure; and

(b) In the case of transit-oriented development districts, ongoing costs of adding to an existing transit system or creating a new transit service and limited strictly to transit operator salaries, transit vehicle fuel and transit vehicle parts replacements;

(8) Costs associated with the development of fisheries and wildlife or marine resources projects; and

(9) Costs related to the construction or operation of municipal or plantation public safety facilities, the need for which is related to general economic development within the municipality or plantation, not to exceed 15% of the captured assessed value of the development district; and

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CHAPTER 605

S.P. 677 - L.D. 1975

An Act To Facilitate Dental Treatment for Children

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§16 is enacted to read:

16. Dental benefit waiting period. The requirements of Title 24-A, sections 2766-A, 2847-W and 4260 that prohibit a waiting period for any dental or oral health service or treatment, except for orthodontic treatment, for an enrollee if the enrollee is under 19 years of age apply to any group health plan or dental plan purchased under subsection 5 or to any self-insured group health or dental plan provided under subsection 9.

Sec. 2. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§21, as amended by PL 2019, c. 274, §3 and amended by c. 388, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

21. Title 24-A, sections 2765-A and 2847-U. The practice of dental therapy by a dental therapist, Title 24-A, sections 2765-A and 2847-U;

Sec. 3. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§22, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 274, §4, is amended to read:

22. Title 24-A, section 4320-M. Coverage for abortion services, Title 24-A, section 4320-M; and

Sec. 4. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§23 is enacted to read:

23. Title 24-A, sections 2766-A and 2847-W. The prohibition on a dental benefit waiting period for persons under 19 years of age, Title 24-A, sections 2766-A and 2847-W.

Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §2766-A is enacted to read:

§2766-A. Dental benefit waiting period

1. Enrollee defined. For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "enrollee" means a person who is covered under an individual policy or contract provided by an insurer.

2. No waiting period for enrollee under 19 years of age. An insurer that issues individual dental insurance or health insurance that includes coverage for dental services may not impose a waiting period, as defined in section 2848, subsection 5, for any dental or oral health service or treatment, except for orthodontic treatment, for an enrollee if the enrollee is under 19 years of age.

Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA §2847-W is enacted to read:

§2847-W. Dental benefit waiting period

1. Enrollee defined. For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "enrollee" means a person who is covered under a group policy or contract provided by an insurer.

2. No waiting period for enrollee under 19 years of age. An insurer that issues group dental insurance or health insurance that includes coverage for dental services may not impose a waiting period, as defined in section 2848, subsection 5, for any dental or oral health service or treatment, except for orthodontic treatment, for an enrollee if the enrollee is under 19 years of age.

Sec. 7. 24-A MRSA §4260 is enacted to read:

§4260. Dental benefit waiting period

1. Enrollee defined. For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "enrollee" means a person who is covered under an individual or group contract provided by a health maintenance organization.

2. No waiting period for enrollee under 19 years of age. A health maintenance organization that issues

individual or group dental insurance or individual or group contracts that include coverage for dental services may not impose a waiting period, as defined in section 2848, subsection 5, for any dental or oral health service or treatment, except for orthodontic treatment, for an enrollee if the enrollee is under 19 years of age.

Sec. 8. Application. Those sections of this Act that enact the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, sections 2766-A, 2847-W and 4260 apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed on or after January 1, 2021 in this State. For purposes of this section, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

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CHAPTER 606

S.P. 707 - L.D. 2005

**An Act To Amend the Law
Governing Maximum Length
Limits for Truck Tractor
Semitrailers**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2390, sub-§1, ¶J, as amended by PL 2005, c. 478, §1, is further amended to read:

J. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a single semitrailer whose total structural length exceeds 48 feet but does not exceed 53 feet may be operated in combination with a truck tractor on a highway network if the following conditions are met.

- (1) The wheelbase of the semitrailer, measured as the distance from the kingpin to the center of the rearmost axle of the semitrailer, may not exceed ~~43~~ 45 feet, ~~6 inches~~.
- (2) The kingpin setback of the semitrailer, measured as the distance from the kingpin to the front of the semitrailer, may not exceed 3 1/2 feet in length.
- (3) The rear overhang of the semitrailer, measured as the distance from the center of the rear tandem axles of the semitrailer to the rear of the semitrailer, may not exceed 35% of the wheelbase of the semitrailer.
- (4) The semitrailer must be equipped with a rear underride guard that is of sufficient strength to prevent a motor vehicle from penetrating underneath the semitrailer, extends across the rear of the semitrailer to within an

average distance of 4 inches of the lateral extremities of the semitrailer, exclusive of safety bumper appurtenances, and is placed at a height not exceeding 22 inches from the surface of the ground as measured when the semitrailer is empty and is on a level surface.

(5) The semitrailer must be equipped with vehicle lights that comply with or exceed federal standards and reflective material approved by the Commissioner of Transportation that must be located on the semitrailer in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. The semitrailer must display a conspicuous warning on the rear of the semitrailer indicating that the vehicle combination has a wide turning radius.

(8) Except as provided in subparagraph (10), the overall length of the truck tractor and semitrailer combination of vehicles traveling beyond the national network may not exceed 74 feet, including all structural parts of the vehicle, permanent or temporary, and any load carried on or in the vehicle. For the purposes of this subparagraph, "national network" means those highways in the State identified under 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Appendix A to Part 658.

(9) Notwithstanding section 2380, the width of the semitrailer must be 102 inches, except that the width of the rear safety bumper and appurtenances to the safety bumper may not exceed 103 inches and except that the width of a flatbed or lowboy semitrailer, measured as the distance between the outer surface edges of the semitrailer's tires, must be at least 96 inches but no more than 102 inches.

(10) For vehicles whose overall length exceeds 74 feet, including all structural parts of the vehicle, permanent or temporary, and any load carried on or in the vehicle, access is permitted to service facilities or terminals within one mile of the national network. For purposes of this subparagraph, "national network" means those highways in the State identified under 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Appendix A to Part 658.

(12) This vehicle combination may not transport cargo that has been prohibited for this vehicle combination by the Commissioner of Transportation.

(13) This paragraph does not apply to a trailer or semitrailer when transporting or returning empty from transporting a nondivisible load or object under the provisions of an overlimit permit granted by section 2382.

Nothing in this paragraph limits the authority of the department under Title 23, section 52 to adopt rules