

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**August 26, 2019**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**January 8, 2020 to March 17, 2020**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**

**NOVEMBER 25, 2019**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**

**JUNE 16, 2020**

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,  
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine  
2020**

The Department of Health and Human Services is not required to hold hearings or undertake further proceedings prior to the final adoption of the rule in accordance with this section.

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

Effective March 18, 2020.

**CHAPTER 137**

**S.P. 761 - L.D. 2122**

**Resolve, Designating Portions of Route 139 and Route 201A in Somerset County the Corporal Eugene Cole Way**

**Sec. 1. Designate portions of Route 139 and Route 201A the Corporal Eugene Cole Way. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Route 139 from its intersection with Route 201 in the Town of Fairfield to its intersection with Route 201A in the Town of Norridgewock and Route 201A from that intersection in the Town of Norridgewock to the town line of the Town of Madison the Corporal Eugene Cole Way.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 138**

**H.P. 415 - L.D. 571**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Conduct an Economic Feasibility Study for Commuter and Passenger Train Service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area**

**Sec. 1. Economic feasibility study. Resolved:** That, if the Department of Transportation receives funding in accordance with section 2, the department shall conduct an economic feasibility study for commuter and passenger train service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn area. The study must include an economic evaluation of commuter and passenger train service along the corridor route and any analysis necessary to secure potential funding sources identified in the Lewiston-Auburn Passenger Rail Service Plan report published May 2019. The department shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by February 1, 2021. The joint

standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters may submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature based on the findings provided in the department's report.

**Sec. 2. Funding. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall accept funding contributions to fully fund the costs of the study under section 1. The total cost of the study must be determined by the department. One third of the costs of the study must come from the Multimodal Transportation Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 4210-B and 2/3 of the costs must be provided by municipalities that would be directly impacted by commuter and passenger train service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn area and private entities interested in commuter and passenger train service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn area. No funds may be collected by or transferred to the department for the purpose of conducting the study unless the department receives commitments from the municipalities and private entities sufficient to fund 2/3 of the costs of the study. Once the municipalities and private entities have committed to providing the required funding for the study, the department shall accept the funds and may transfer funds equaling 1/3 of the costs of the study from the Multimodal Transportation Fund to cover the costs of the study. By August 1, 2020, if the municipalities and private entities have not committed to providing the required funding for the study, the department is not authorized to accept any funds or conduct the study and no expenses of any kind may be incurred or reimbursed for the study.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF Multimodal - Passenger Rail Z139**

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation for an economic feasibility study for commuter and passenger train service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn area. Two thirds of the cost of the study must be provided by municipalities that would be directly impacted by and private entities interested in the train service with the remaining 1/3 provided by existing funding within this account.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$0	\$250,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$250,000

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