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for school activities by students and staff but not including land used primarily for nonschool activities, such as golf courses, farms and museums.

Sec. 2. Medical advisory committee; herbicides applied on school grounds. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control, within existing resources from Other Special Revenue Funds accounts, shall establish a medical advisory committee to evaluate the potential impact of herbicides used on school grounds on human health. The board shall submit a report no later than February 1, 2022, with findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Following receipt and review of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may submit a bill concerning the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 198
S.P. 224 - L.D. 537

**An Act To Dedicate Sections of
Maine's State Highway System
to Fallen State Troopers**

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1952 is enacted to read:

§1952. Fallen State Trooper Dedication Program

The Fallen State Trooper Dedication Program is established. The Department of Transportation, in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety, shall designate one mile of the state highway system to a state police officer who dies in the performance of that officer's duty within one year of the death. The one-mile section must be located as close as possible to the patrol area of the fallen officer, and the Department of Transportation shall install appropriate signs in both directions of the roadway. The Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety shall share responsibility for expenses related to the maintenance of signs installed under this section.

The State Police shall notify the Department of Transportation of a deceased state police officer who is eligible for designation under this section.

Sec. 2. Fallen State Trooper Dedication Program. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1952, the State Police shall notify the Department of Transportation of the identity of any state police officer who died in the performance of that officer's duty before the effective date of this Act and

who is eligible for the Fallen State Trooper Dedication Program established under that section, and the department shall designate one mile of the state highway system to that officer as required under that program.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 199
S.P. 236 - L.D. 597

**An Act To Establish the
Thermal Energy Investment
Program**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2019, c. 477, §1, is further amended to read:

9. Alternative compliance payment. The commission shall allow competitive electricity providers to satisfy the portfolio requirements for Class I resources under subsection 3-A, Class IA resources under subsection 3-B and thermal renewable energy credits under subsection 3-C through an alternative compliance payment mechanism in accordance with this subsection.

A. The commission shall set the alternative compliance payment rate by rule, which may not be greater than \$50, and shall publish the alternative compliance payment rate by January 31st of each year. In setting the rate, the commission shall take into account prevailing market prices, standard-offer service prices for electricity, reliance on alternative compliance payments to meet the requirements of subsections 3-A, 3-B and 3-C and investment in Class I and Class IA resources and thermal renewable energy credits in the State during the previous calendar year.

B. The commission shall collect alternative compliance payments to meet the requirements of subsections 3-A and 3-B made by competitive electricity providers and shall deposit all funds collected under this paragraph in the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund established under section 10121, subsection 2 to be used to fund research, development and demonstration projects relating to renewable energy technologies and to fund rebates for cost-effective renewable energy technologies.

C. The commission shall collect alternative compliance payments to meet the requirements of subsection 3-C made by competitive electricity providers and shall deposit all funds collected under this paragraph in the Thermal Energy Investment Fund established under section 10128, subsection 2 to be used to fund incentives and low-interest or no-