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**CHAPTER 368
S.P. 385 - L.D. 1122**

**An Act To Promote Public
Safety by Allowing Lighted
Signs on Certain Vehicles**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1922, sub-§4, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

B. On a semitrailer, on the front portion of the semitrailer; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1922, sub-§4, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

C. On a truck, on the front portion of the storage compartment above and behind the cab; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1922, sub-§4, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. On a delivery vehicle, on the roof of the vehicle as long as the only information on the illuminated sign is the name and telephone number of the company providing the delivery. The sign may be illuminated only when making a delivery, as determined by the Department of Public Safety by rule. The sign may not have words that scroll or change messages while the vehicle is in transit and a vehicle is limited to one sign. The sign must be securely fastened to the vehicle to prevent it from falling off the vehicle. For the purposes of this paragraph, "delivery vehicle" means a motor vehicle used to transport customers or property. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §1922, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

7. Exception. This section does not apply to the illuminated name and telephone number identification affixed to vehicles, including the illuminated name and telephone number identification affixed to the roof, for the conveyance of passengers.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 369
H.P. 1026 - L.D. 1392**

**An Act Directing the Maine
Center for Disease Control and
Prevention To Release
Annually Public Health Data
Regarding Certain Fatalities
and Hospitalizations**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 256-A is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 256-A

**REPORTING OF FIREARM FATALITIES AND
HOSPITALIZATIONS**

**§1425. Annual report on firearm fatalities and
hospitalizations**

Beginning January 1, 2022, the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services shall report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the following data:

1. Firearm fatalities. Public health data concerning firearm fatalities in the State, separated by:

A. The number of homicides, including the number of homicides that were the result of domestic violence, further separated by the ages of the victims for each;

B. Suicides, further separated by the ages of the victims; and

C. Unintentional discharges, further separated by the ages of the victims; and

2. Hospitalizations. Hospitalizations that occurred as a result of a firearm but did not result in death.

The Commissioner of Public Safety, the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, the Office of the Attorney General and the Maine Health Data Organization shall assist the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention with the collection of the data required in this section.

The Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall make the report required under this section publicly available.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §1544, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2001, c. 399, §6, is further amended to read:

The bureau shall establish a category for abuse by adults of family or household members, a category for cruelty to animals ~~and~~, a category for crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or ethnicity and a category for