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

Augusta, Maine
2022

§3111. Vehicle emissions goals

In acquiring by purchase or lease light-duty motor vehicles a municipality shall to the extent practicable do so in a manner designed to increase by 2035 the percentage of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and zero-emission vehicles acquired annually to 100% of the annual acquisitions of light-duty motor vehicles.

For purposes of this section, "light-duty motor vehicle" means any vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 10,000 pounds and "plug-in hybrid electric vehicle" has the same meaning as in Title 35-A, section 10126, subsection 1, paragraph D.

Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §10104, sub-§4, ¶F, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 209, §1, is amended by amending subparagraph (8) to read:

(8) Promoting the purchase of battery electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles to achieve by 2030 the goal of at least ~~420,000~~ 220,000 such vehicles registered in the State.

For the purposes of this subparagraph, "plug-in hybrid electric vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 10126, subsection 1, paragraph D.

Sec. 8. Working group convened. The Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, as established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3102, shall convene an interagency working group, referred to in this section as "the working group," to develop a plan to achieve the increase established in Title 20-A, section 5401, subsection 15-A for zero-emission school buses. The working group must, at a minimum, consist of representatives from the Governor's Energy Office, as established under Title 2, section 9, the Department of Education, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Public Utilities Commission and the Efficiency Maine Trust and at least one member representing school administrative units.

1. Duties. In developing the plan, the working group shall:

- A. Review different types of zero-emission school buses and the benefits and challenges associated with the different technologies;
- B. Review options for financing the acquisition of zero-emission school buses in a cost-effective manner for school administrative units;
- C. Engage electric utilities and other private entities that have an interest in partnering with school administrative units to acquire zero-emission school buses;
- D. Engage school administrative units and other stakeholders in planning for the deployment of charging infrastructure to support zero-emission school buses; and

E. Assess the need for training and education that school administrative units will require to maintain zero-emission school buses.

2. Report. The working group shall submit its plan and report with findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters no later than December 7, 2022. Following receipt and review of the report, the committee may submit a bill concerning the subject matter of the report to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 694
H.P. 1271 - L.D. 1716

**An Act To Ensure Full
Payment of the State's Salary
Supplement Obligation to
Teachers with National Board
Certification**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13007, sub-§2, ¶D, as amended by PL 2017, c. 235, §6 and affected by §41, is further amended to read:

D. Report and pay ~~no more than \$335,000~~ in each fiscal year from fees collected pursuant to subsection 1 to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Education an amount sufficient to fund all salary supplements for national board-certified teachers as described in section 13013-A, subsections 1 and 2. If the fees are insufficient to fully fund the annual national board certification salary supplements, general purpose aid must be appropriated to fund the balance.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15689-A, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §61 and affected by §§72 and 74 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §18, is amended to read:

7. Disbursement limitations. The funds disbursed in accordance with this section are limited to the amounts appropriated by the Legislature for these purposes except as provided in subsection 12.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15689-A, sub-§12, as amended by PL 2011, c. 702, §3, is further amended to read:

12. National board certification salary supplement. The commissioner ~~may~~ shall pay annual salary supplement payments to school administrative units or a publicly supported secondary school for payment to school teachers who have attained certification from the

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or its successor organization pursuant to section 13007, subsection 2, paragraph D and section 13013-A.

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 2023.

Effective July 1, 2023.

CHAPTER 695

H.P. 1283 - L.D. 1732

An Act To Amend the Sales Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Housing Development Organizations

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§72, as amended by PL 1999, c. 708, §30, is further amended to read:

72. Nonprofit housing development organization. Sales to nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is to develop housing for low-income people. For the purposes of this subsection, "low-income" means having income that is less than 120% of the median income for the area, adjusted for family size, as established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development or its successor organization.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 696

S.P. 599 - L.D. 1744

An Act To Increase Funding for the Animal Welfare Fund by Increasing Certain Fees

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §714, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 422, §2, is amended to read:

2. Fees. The commissioner shall deposit ~~4 1/2~~ 20% of the fees collected pursuant to subsection 1 in the General Fund and ~~4 1/2~~ 80% of the fees collected in the Animal Welfare Fund established under section 3906-B.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3906-B, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2009, c. 148, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Animal Welfare Fund. The commissioner shall deposit all license fees received pursuant to chapters 721, 723, 725 and 735 in a separate account established by the Treasurer of State and known as the Animal Welfare Fund. The commissioner shall deposit ~~4 1/2~~ 80% of the feed registration fees collected under section

714, subsection 1 and all revenue in excess of \$100,000 from the surcharge collected under section 714, subsection 4 in the Animal Welfare Fund. This account does not lapse, but continues from year to year. The commissioner shall pay from the Animal Welfare Fund the expense of furnishing license blanks, stickers and tags, travel expenses and salaries for necessary personnel, payments to animal shelters and expenses incurred in the administration of this Part.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §3919-C, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 439, §11, is amended to read:

1. Compensation for dogs and cats. Compensation for a dog or cat is ~~\$5~~ \$15 a day. Compensation for a female cat or dog with a litter that has not been weaned is ~~\$8~~ \$18 a day.

Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §3919-C, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 439, §11, is amended to read:

2. Equines. Compensation for an equine is ~~\$10~~ \$20 a day.

Sec. 5. 7 MRSA §3919-C, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 439, §11, is amended to read:

3. Livestock. Except for equines, fowl and rabbits, compensation for a livestock animal is between \$5 and ~~\$8~~ \$20 a day as determined by the department based on the size of the animal.

Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Animal Welfare Fund 0946

Initiative: Provides allocation to accommodate higher existing expenses and for an increase in the daily compensation rate paid to animal shelters holding animals pending court decisions.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$335,232
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$335,232

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 697

S.P. 600 - L.D. 1745

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Gambling Control Board

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