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### **LD 40 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Traffic Movement Permits, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Transportation**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 1 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 305: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Traffic Movement Permits, a major substantive rule of the Department of Transportation.

Resolve 2021, chapter 1 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 17, 2021.

### **LD 73 An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Allow Harbor Masters and Deputy Harbor Masters To Use Red or Combination Red and White Auxiliary Lights When Responding to Watercraft Emergencies**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 26 allows a municipality to authorize a harbor master or deputy harbor master to use one red or combination red and white flashing auxiliary light when responding to a watercraft emergency. The law provides that the municipality may revoke the authorization to use the lights at any time.

### **LD 123 An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 3 makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2022 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

### **LD 128 An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Transportation To Enter into Agreements with the United States Department of Transportation**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 66 allows the Commissioner of Transportation to enter into agreements and cooperate with the United States Department of Transportation as provided in 23 United States Code, Sections 325 to 327 and as authorized under the federal Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, the federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users and the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. It allows the

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commissioner to adopt rules to implement an agreement, carry out duties under an agreement and make expenditures in connection with an agreement. Consistent with 23 United States Code, Sections 326 and 327, it provides for a partial waiver of immunity from civil suit in federal court regarding the compliance, discharge or enforcement of a responsibility assumed by the Department of Transportation upon the department's entering an agreement.

### **LD 130 An Act To Create Appropriate Standards for the Secretary of State To Follow When Approving the Assignments of Vanity Registration Plates**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 232 limits the vanity registration plates the Secretary of State may refuse to issue or may recall to plates that:

1. Falsely suggest an association with a public institution or government;
2. Are duplicative;
3. Encourage violence or contain language that may result in an act of violence or other unlawful activity because of the content of the language;
4. Are profane or obscene;
5. Make derogatory references;
6. Connote genitalia or relate to sexual acts; or
7. Form a slang term, abbreviation, phonetic spelling or mirror image of a word or term within any of the other categories.

Public Law 2021, chapter 232 also creates an appeals process for a person for whom the Secretary of State has refused to issue or recalled a vanity registration plate.

### **LD 154 Resolve, To Name Bridge 2267 in the Town of Embden and the Town of Solon the Jotham and Emma Stevens Bridge**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 4 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 2267 in the Town of Embden and the Town of Solon the Jotham and Emma Stevens Bridge.