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LD 537 An Act To Dedicate Sections of Maine's State Highway System to Fallen State Troopers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 198 creates the Fallen State Trooper Dedication Program requiring the Department of Transportation, in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety, to designate and place appropriate signs on one mile of the state highway system for each state police officer who has died in the performance of that officer's duty.

LD 571 Resolve, To Name a Bridge in the Town of Veazie the Hayward Carl Spencer Memorial Bridge

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 5 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 3684 on Main Street in the Town of Veazie the Hayward Carl Spencer Memorial Bridge.

LD 644 An Act Regarding Motor Vehicle Registration Violations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 427 provides the following penalties for a violation of failure to register a vehicle:

1. A fine of not more than \$50 may be adjudged for a first offense if the vehicle was registered and the registration has been expired more than 30 days but less than 150 days;
2. A fine of not more than \$100 may be adjudged for a first offense if the vehicle was registered and the registration has been expired for 150 days or more and for which a fine of not more than \$500 may be adjudged for each subsequent offense; and
3. A Class E crime if the vehicle has never been registered by the current owner of the vehicle.

Public Law 2021, chapter 427 also provides that a person served with a Violation Summons and Complaint charging a violation of failure to register a vehicle may have the complaint dismissed if that person shows satisfactory evidence of registration that was in effect at the time of the alleged violation or that the person subsequently registered the vehicle prior to the date required for filing an answer to the complaint.

Public Law 2021, chapter 427 also provides the following penalties for a violation of failure to change out-of-state registrations:

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1. A fine of not more than \$50 for a first offense if more than 30 days but less than 150 days has elapsed since establishing residency; or
2. A fine of not more than \$500 may be adjudged for each subsequent offense.

Public Law 2021, chapter 427 also provides that these changes take effect July 1, 2022.

LD 645 Resolve, To Create an Electronic Titling Work Group

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 40 directs the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles to convene a work group to study electronic titling and make annual reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters through the 132nd Legislature, at the end of which time the work group dissolves.

LD 662 An Act To Allow the Use of an Additional Light on the Roof of Vehicles of Active Members of a Municipal or Volunteer Fire Department

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 113 allows municipal officers or a municipal official designated by the municipal officers, with the approval of the fire chief, to authorize an active member of a municipal or volunteer fire department to use one red light bar no more than eight inches in length on the roof of the vehicle so that the light is visible to approaching traffic from the front and the rear of the vehicle.

LD 669 An Act To Ensure Public Ways Are Compliant with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 334 makes an alteration or relocation required to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 of an aboveground facility within the portion of a public way that is part of a construction or reconstruction project the financial responsibility of the facility owner.