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LD 1370 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Develop and Adopt an Active Transportation Plan

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 61 directs the Department of Transportation to develop an active transportation plan, use that plan to evaluate reasonable potential uses of state-owned rail corridors and submit a report containing that plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters no later than January 18, 2023.

LD 1400 An Act To Protect Towing Operators Providing Emergency Assistance by Allowing the Use of a Flashing Green Light

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 205 makes the following changes to the law governing the use of auxiliary lighting on vehicles.

1. It allows for a wrecker to use a flashing green light only when pulled over, assisting motorists and loading vehicles.
2. It prohibits use of a flashing green light while the wrecker is moving.

LD 1425 Resolve, To Dedicate a Portion of Route 6 from Lee to Springfield in Honor of Sgt. Blair Emery

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 30 directs the Department of Transportation to designate a portion of Route 6 in Penobscot County the Sgt. Blair Emery Road.

LD 1433 An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 216 amends the motor vehicle laws in the following ways.

1. It adds a provision for the continued use by government entities of off-road vehicles.
2. It allows for rulemaking for municipal agents similar to other rule-making authority.
3. It repeals the authority of the Secretary of State to issue placards for deaf, hard-of-hearing and late-deafened persons.

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4. It changes the definition of "recycler." It clarifies that recycling of vehicles includes the actions of acquiring and selling vehicles or parts and it changes the record-keeping requirements of recyclers.
5. It amends the law governing licenses issued to auction locations.
6. It requires lienholders to register for a unique identifier to enable the bureau to maintain accurate records on lienholders.
7. It amends statute to comply with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's final rule regarding odometer disclosures under 49 Code of Federal Regulation 580.17, the Federal Truth in Mileage Act. Beginning January 1, 2021, vehicles with model year 2011 must have the odometer captured. Vehicles model year 2010 and earlier remain exempt under the new rule.
8. It amends dealer license fees; amends the law regarding the number of plates issued to dealers; requires dealers to comply with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapter 217 as a condition of their license; and clarifies which dealers may use service vehicle plates.
9. It amends the law regarding mobile crushers to provide a penalty for violations.
10. It tightens the requirements for special restricted licenses by requiring applicants who are 15 years of age to hold a permit for 6 months before applying for a special restricted license.
11. It allows the course completion certificate issued by motorcycle rider education schools to act as a 60-day temporary permit.
12. It clarifies that the completion certificate for driver education instructors acts as a 60-day temporary learner's permit.
13. It adds requirements regarding background checks for motorcycle instructor licenses.
14. It clarifies the definition of a Class A driver education school.
15. It provides flexibility in what the Secretary of State may consider when approving a driver improvement program.
16. It amends the law regarding when a person is eligible to install an ignition interlock device during the term of the person's suspension and when that person can remove the device without penalty.