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LD 796 An Act Governing the Sale, Purchase, Removal, Transport and Disposal of Catalytic Converters Removed from Motor Vehicles, Governing Scrap Metal Processors and Creating the Motor Vehicle Services Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 660 does the following.

1. It defines the term “catalytic converter” as a device installed in the exhaust system of a motor vehicle that uses a catalyst to convert pollutant gases into less harmful gases.
2. It requires all vehicle dealers in the State to, for all motor vehicles sold at retail to the end consumer, engrave the vehicle identification number on the catalytic converter in a location that is visible from the underside of the motor vehicle, unless the catalytic converter is not in a location that is clearly visible from the underside of the motor vehicle.
3. It creates a legal framework governing the sale, purchase, removal, transport and disposal of catalytic converters that have been removed from motor vehicles and establishes criminal penalties for violations of that legal framework.
4. It requires that a person who is a licensed scrap metal processor must also be licensed as a recycler if, as part of that person's scrap metal processing business, that person engages in the purchase or sale of motor vehicles or motor vehicle parts.
5. It directs the Secretary of State to provide information for posting at the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles branch locations and on the bureau's publicly accessible website to promote public awareness of the requirements related to catalytic converters.
6. It establishes the Motor Vehicle Services Fund for revenue from the sale of catalytic converters forfeited to the State which may be used by the bureau for motor vehicle-related projects and services.

LD 1762 An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Expiration of Disability Plates and Placards and Fees for Recycler Licenses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 533 removes the requirement for a disability plate or placard issued to a person with a permanent disability to expire with the applicant’s driver’s license or nondriver identification card issued by the State and provides that the disability plate or placard may be renewed for a period not to exceed six years. It authorizes the Secretary of State to adopt routine

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technical rules regarding the issuance and renewal of disability plates or placards issued to persons with a permanent disability.

It also removes the exemption from the fee for the issuance or renewal of a recycler license for a new car dealer, used car dealer or equipment dealer.

LD 1766 An Act To Remove Watson’s Bridge in the Town of Littleton from the List of Historic Bridges for Which the State Is Responsible for Maintenance and Rehabilitation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 494 removes Watson’s Bridge in the Town of Littleton from the list of bridges for which the State is responsible.

Public Law 2021, chapter 494 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 17, 2022.

LD 1788 Resolve, To Rename Bridges in the Town of Milo for Veterans Who Died during the Vietnam War

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 127 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 3244 over the Pleasant River in the Town of Milo the James Ellingson Memorial Bridge, Bridge 2867 over the Piscataquis River in the Town of Milo the Wayne Sangillo Memorial Bridge and Bridge 2572 over the Sebec River in the Town of Milo the Henry “Butch” Heal, Jr. Memorial Bridge.

LD 1796 An Act To Coordinate Marine Port Development

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 555 makes the following changes to the laws governing marine port terminal facility development.

1. It limits the actions of the Maine Port Authority and the use of the proceeds of bonds issued by the Maine Port Authority to those actions and uses pertaining to marine port terminal facilities and railroad facilities that directly support marine port operations.
2. It expands the sources of funds that may be used to undertake projects that link marine port terminal facilities to freight networks within the State.
3. It expands the scope of the Maine Port Terminal Facilities Marketing Program.