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LD 79 Resolve, to Rename the Bridge on Main Street Between Biddeford and Saco the General Wallace H. Nutting Memorial Bridge

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 10 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 3423 on Main Street between the City of Biddeford and the City of Saco the General Wallace H. Nutting Memorial Bridge.

LD 154 An Act to Amend the Transportation Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 66 extends rural road assistance funds under the Local Road Assistance Program for maintenance or capital improvements of roadway infrastructure, bridges and drainage structures to all rural state aid roads and all public roads that a municipality maintains. It amends the provision of law governing the distribution of urban compact assistance funds under the Local Road Assistance Program to allow distribution of funds for all other public roads maintained by a municipality located inside an urban compact area not otherwise covered by that provision. Funds are distributed at a rate of $600 per year per lane mile except that funds for all seasonal public roads are distributed at a rate of $300 per year per lane mile. It also further adjusts the Local Road Assistance Program by amending the provision governing responsibility for decisions related to roads that primarily serve as minor collector routes and major collector routes by clarifying that those roads may be improved through a partnership between the State and counties or the State and municipalities. It also repeals the provision of law that established the Secondary Road Program Fund, removes cross references to that section and changes the provision of law that directed transfer of the uncommitted balance in the Highway Fund unallocated surplus account at the close of each fiscal year.

LD 159 An Act to Require Motor Vehicle Certificates of Registration to Include a Space to List an Emergency Contact

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 134 requires the Secretary of State to provide a blank space on the reverse side of a motor vehicle certificate of registration that allows the registered owner to voluntarily provide the legal name and address of an emergency contact. The Secretary of State is required to begin issuing certificates of registration with space for emergency contact information as its stock of certificates of registration are replaced.