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LD 2184 Resolve, to Name a Bridge Between the Town of Hiram and the Town of Cornish Warren's Bridge

Resolve 2025, chapter 148 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 5088 on South Hiram Road between the Town of Hiram and the Town of Cornish, Warren's Bridge.

LD 2191 An Act to Establish a Biennial Inspection System for Vehicle Rental Companies

Beginning January 1, 2027, Public Law 2025, chapter 638 authorizes a business that rents noncommercial motor vehicles to the public to receive a two-year certificate of inspection for each vehicle if the business has at least 700 noncommercial motor vehicles registered in the State per year and files an affidavit with the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police that includes a statement that the fleet of rental vehicles will meet or exceed the inspection standards set forth in law and administered by the Chief of the State Police over the two-year period. It also sets the fee for inspection stickers issued to a business that rents noncommercial motor vehicles at two times the fee for inspection stickers issued annually to persons who are not new motor vehicle dealers.

LD 2213 An Act Making Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027

Public Law 2025, chapter 720 does the following.

Part A allocates money not otherwise allocated in order to provide for the necessary expenditures of State Government and other purposes for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027.

Part B allocates money to provide funding for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C directs the State Controller to carry forward up to \$2,500,000 in unexpended balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, after all financial commitments for obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made, at the end of fiscal year 2025-26 to the next fiscal year to the All Other line category in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program to be used to continue the Bureau of Motor Vehicles modernization project.

Part D establishes an exception to the requirement that a financial order describing the transfer of unused funds within the Highway Fund and any other allocations to the Department of Transportation be submitted to the Office of Fiscal and Program Review 30 days before the transfer is to be implemented. Part D provides that in the case of extraordinary emergency transfers, the 30-day waiting period may be waived by a vote of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters.

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Part E authorizes the Department of Public Safety to transfer, for fiscal year 2026-27, up to \$339,948 of available balances of Personal Services allocations, after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, to the All Other line category of the State Police program for the purposes of funding consoles at three regional emergency communication centers and a contract for firearms examiner services. Part E also authorizes the department to transfer, for fiscal year 2026-27, up to \$16,450 of available balances of Personal Services allocations, after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, to the Capital Expenditures line category of the State Police program for the purposes of funding a heat pump and generator for the Pittsfield barracks and updating the security system at the Bangor barracks.

Part F allows the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to issue, for the 2026-2027 biennium, up to \$50,000,000 of GARVEE bonds for highway and bridge needs to be repaid solely from annual federal transportation appropriations.

Public Law 2025, chapter 720 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 16, 2026.