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House of Representatives, May 4, 2017

An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.
Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and
Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CEBRA of Naples, GILLWAY of Searsport,
PARRY of Arundel, PERKINS of Oakland, SCHNECK of Bangor, Senators: MIRAMANT of
Knox, ROSEN of Hancock.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17716, as amended by PL 2007, c. 491, §135, is further amended to read:

### §17716. Motor vehicle detectives

A motor vehicle investigator detective, senior motor vehicle investigator detective, principal motor vehicle investigator detective or chief motor vehicle investigator detective who elects the retirement option provided in section 17851, subsection 14 shall contribute to the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program or have pick-up contributions made by the employer as provided in section 17852, subsection 15.

- Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §17851, sub-§14, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 402, §2, is amended to read:
- 14. Motor vehicle detectives; option. A motor vehicle investigator detective, senior motor vehicle investigator detective, principal motor vehicle investigator detective or chief motor vehicle investigator detective qualifies for a service retirement benefit upon reaching 55 years of age after completing at least 25 years of creditable service in that capacity if notice of election of the option and payment of employee contributions and actuarial costs are made as provided in section 17852, subsection 15.
- Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§15, as amended by PL 2007, c. 491, §§171, 172, is further amended to read:
- 15. Motor vehicle investigators and motor vehicle detectives; option. The retirement benefit of a person who qualifies under section 17851, subsection 14 and who retires upon or after reaching 55 years of age is computed in accordance with subsection 1 if:
  - A. The person was first employed as a motor vehicle investigator or a motor vehicle detective on or after October 1, 1997, elects the option provided in section 17851, subsection 14 and pays to the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program an increased employee payroll contribution in an amount that equals the full actuarial cost of electing that option; or
  - B. The person was first employed as a motor vehicle investigator before October 1, 1997, elects the option provided in section 17851, subsection 14 and pays to the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program a single payment or periodic payments of a lump sum or a combination of single and periodic payments of that amount that equals the full actuarial cost of electing that option for service before that date.

A person who requests calculation of the full actuarial cost, regardless of whether the person elects the option, must pay to the retirement system by a single lump sum payment the reasonable administrative costs of determining the full actuarial costs. Payment of the full actuarial cost related to service on or after October 1, 1997 is made as part of the employee payroll contribution.

For the purposes of this subsection, "full actuarial cost" means that the person's payment or payments must fully offset any unfunded liability that would or does result from retirement under the option provided in section 17851, subsection 14 and must fully fund the cost of the person's retirement prior to normal retirement age so that an additional employer contribution is not required.

A person who makes the election provided in section 17851, subsection 14 at any time after the date on which the person is first employed as a motor vehicle investigator or a motor vehicle detective must include interest, at a rate to be set by the board not to exceed regular interest by 5 or more percentage points, applied as of the date on which the person was first employed in that capacity to the contributions the person would have paid or had picked up by the employer had the person elected that option at the date of first employment.

This subsection takes effect October 1, 1997. Election to retire under this subsection is a one-time irrevocable election. A person who was first employed as a motor vehicle investigator or a motor vehicle detective on or after October 1, 1997 must make the election no later than 90 days after the date of first employment. A person who was first employed in that capacity before October 1, 1997 must make the election no later than January 1, 1998.

- Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§16, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 401, §3, is further amended to read:
- 16. Motor vehicle detectives exercising option; retirement before 55 years of age. For a person exercising the option provided in section 17851, subsection 14 who makes the payments required in subsection 15 and who retires before reaching 55 years of age, the retirement benefit is determined as follows.
  - A. For members with 10 years of creditable service on July 1, 1993, the retirement benefit is determined in accordance with subsection 1, except that:
    - (1) The amount arrived at under subsection 1 is reduced by applying to that amount the percentage that a life annuity due at 55 years of age bears to the life annuity due at the age of retirement; and
    - (2) For the purpose of making the computation under subparagraph (1), the board-approved tables of annuities in effect at the date of the member's retirement are used.

For the purpose of calculating creditable service under this subsection only, "creditable service" includes time during which a member participated in the voluntary cost-savings plan or the voluntary employee incentive program, authorized by Public Law 1989, chapter 702, Part F, section 6 and Public Law 1991, chapter 591, Part BB and chapter 780, Part VV; 10 years of combined creditable service under this Part and Title 3, chapter 29; or creditable service available to a member that the member was eligible to purchase on June 30, 1993 and that the member does purchase in accordance with rules adopted by the board.

B. For members who do not have 10 years of creditable service on July 1, 1993, the retirement benefit is determined in accordance with subsection 1, except that the benefit is reduced by 6% for each year that the person's age precedes 55 years of age.

Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §12552, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2009, c. 421, §1, is further amended to read:

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- 2. Law enforcement officer. "Law enforcement officer" means an active state police officer, municipal police officer, county sheriff or deputy sheriff in this State. "Law enforcement officer" also means an active game warden, fire marshal, forest ranger, Baxter State Park ranger, detective employed by the Office of the Attorney General pursuant to Title 5, section 202, person employed by the Department of Corrections as an investigative officer as defined in Title 34-A, section 1001, subsection 10-A, juvenile community corrections officer as described in Title 34-A, section 5602, probation officer, security officer appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety pursuant to Title 25, section 2908, motor vehicle investigator detective or supervisor appointed by the Secretary of State pursuant to Title 29-A, section 152, military security police officer appointed by the Adjutant General, University of Maine System police officer or marine patrol officer, if employed on a full-time basis in that position in this State.
- Sec. 6. 25 MRSA §1611, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2013, c. 147, §2, is further amended to read:
- 5. Law enforcement officer or officer. "Law enforcement officer" or "officer" means an active state police officer, municipal police officer, county sheriff, deputy sheriff, game warden, an employee of the Office of the State Fire Marshal who has law enforcement powers pursuant to section 2396, subsection 7, fire marshal, judicial marshal, forest ranger, Baxter State Park ranger, a detective employed by the Office of the Attorney General pursuant to Title 5, section 202, a person employed by the Department of Corrections as an investigative officer as defined in Title 34-A, section 1001, subsection 10-A, a juvenile community corrections officer as described in Title 34-A, section 5602, a probation officer, a security officer appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety pursuant to section 2908, a motor vehicle investigator detective or supervisor appointed by the Secretary of State pursuant to Title 29-A, section 152, a military security police officer appointed by the Adjutant General, a University of Maine System police officer or marine patrol officer in this State.

## Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§80-A is enacted to read:

- 80-A. Tow-away transporter combination. "Tow-away transporter combination" means a combination of vehicles, with a combined gross weight not exceeding 26,000 pounds, consisting of a truck or truck and tractor and 2 trailers or semitrailers, which do not carry property and constitute inventory property of a manufacturer, distributor or dealer of such trailers or semitrailers.
- Sec. 8. 29-A MRSA §152, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2007, c. 12, §1, is further amended to read:
- 2. Deputize agents, examiners and detectives. Appoint and deputize agents, examiners and motor vehicle investigators detectives, stationed at convenient places, to receive applications for registration and licenses for the operation of vehicles, to conduct examinations and to perform assigned duties.

A motor vehicle investigator detective has the powers and duty to enforce all provisions of this Title and Title 17-A and all the laws of the State with the same powers that a sheriff has in a county. A motor vehicle investigator detective is at all times subject to all other investigatory duties assigned by the Secretary of State.

- Sec. 9. 29-A MRSA §201, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
- 1. Appointment of agents by Secretary of State; scope of authority. With the approval of the municipal officers, the Secretary of State may appoint a municipal tax collector, or other persons designated by a municipality, to collect excise taxes on vehicles and to receive applications for licenses, noncommercial driver's license renewals, and duplicates, nondriver identification card renewals and duplicates and new registrations and renewals of registrations of motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers. The Secretary of State may authorize a municipal agent to issue licenses, registrations and renewals and duplicates of noncommercial driver's licenses and, nondriver identification cards, new registrations and renewals of registrations or may limit the agent's authority to the issuance of renewals only.
- Sec. 10. 29-A MRSA §201, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2005, c. 573, §2, is further amended to read:
- 3. Service fees. Municipal agents appointed in accordance with subsection 1 may charge service fees for <del>licenses,</del> registrations and renewals of licenses and registrations as follows.
  - A. A municipal agent may charge an applicant a fee not to exceed \$3 over the required fee for each renewal of a noncommercial driver's license or nondriver identification card or registration issued and a fee not to exceed \$4 over the required fee for each new license or registration issued.
  - B. In a municipality in which agents are authorized to issue licenses, registrations or renewals of noncommercial driver's licenses, nondriver identification cards or registrations for applicants from another municipality or from an unorganized territory, the agent may charge those applicants \$1 in addition to the fees authorized by this subsection for each license, registration or renewal.
  - C. A municipal agent authorized to issue temporary registration permits may charge an applicant a fee not to exceed \$1 over the required permit fee.
  - D. A municipal agent authorized to process permits and decals for vehicles with gross vehicle weight in excess of 6,000 may charge a fee not to exceed \$1 over the required fee for each permit or decal issued.
  - E. A municipal agent may charge a fee not to exceed \$1 over the required fee for the issuance of a duplicate registration, duplicate noncommercial driver's license or duplicate nondriver identification card.
- F. A municipal agent may charge any applicant a fee not to exceed \$2 over and above the required operator's license fee for each renewal issued.

- 1 G. A municipal agent may charge an applicant a fee not to exceed \$1 over the 2 required fee when an applicant is requesting issuance of a set of plates designated as specialty plates by the Secretary of State to replace previously issued plates. 3 4 H. The Secretary of State may authorize municipal agents to charge a fee not to 5 exceed \$1 over the required fee for other transactions that the municipal agent carries out on behalf of the Secretary of State and that are not listed in this subsection. 6 7 The municipality may retain all service fees authorized in this subsection. 8 Sec. 11. 29-A MRSA §256, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 645, Pt. B, §6 and affected 9 by §24, is amended to read: 10 §256. Federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994 11 The Secretary of State shall comply with adopt routine technical rules to implement the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Chapter 123 in disclosing records. 12 13 Sec. 12. 29-A MRSA §525, sub-§6, ¶B, as amended by PL 1995, c. 482, Pt. B, 14 §13 and affected by §22, is further amended to read: 15 B. A cab card must be carried in the vehicle at all times. For the purposes of this 16 paragraph, "cab card" means identification issued or approved by the Secretary of State that contains the legal name and address of the person who has established a 17 fuel use reporting account for the vehicle. With the approval of the Secretary of 18 19 State, the cab card may be carried and presented in an electronic format. 20 Sec. 13. 29-A MRSA §525, sub-§9-A, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 21 688, Pt. A, §32 and affected by §33, is amended to read: 22 **9-A.** Violation. The following penalties apply to violations of this section. 23 A. Except as provided in paragraph B, a person who violates this section commits a 24 Class E crime traffic infraction. 25 B. A person who displays or causes or permits to be displayed a false decal or permit 26 or a decal or permit issued to another person commits a Class D E crime. 2.7 An owner or operator stopped for violating this section and against whom enforcement action has been taken does not commit a subsequent violation of this section involving 28 29 the same vehicle until after the close of business on the next business day following the 30 date of the violation. 31 The court shall impose a fine of at least \$250, which may not be suspended.
- 34 Sec. 14. 29-A MRSA §525, sub-§10, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. YYYY, §1, is further amended to read:

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subsection 4-A.

10. Suspension. If a person fails to file a fuel tax report or to pay any taxes, interest, penalties or audit assessment as required pursuant to Title 36, chapter 459 or any rule

Violation-of this section is a strict liability crime as defined in Title 17-A, section 34,

adopted pursuant to this section, the Secretary of State shall suspend the person's fuel tax license, all fuel decals issued to the person and that person's privilege to operate as a motor carrier. The operation of a vehicle after suspension under this section is a traffic infraction. A suspension or revocation issued by another jurisdiction pursuant to the International Fuel Tax Agreement is a suspension in this State. In order to be reinstated, the person must file all delinquent tax returns and pay all assessments, interest and penalties. In addition, the person must pay a \$50 reinstatement fee pursuant to section 2486, subsection 1.

## Sec. 15. 29-A MRSA §525, sub-§15 is enacted to read:

- 15. Pilot projects. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the State Tax Assessor and the Commissioner of Public Safety, may participate in a pilot project relative to the distribution and display of International Fuel Tax Agreement credentials and may modify or waive requirements for the display of fuel decals for approved licensees.
- Sec. 16. 29-A MRSA §654, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2011, c. 356, §16, is further amended to read:
- 2. Purchased from the dealer. If the application is for a vehicle purchased from a dealer, in addition to the requirement set forth in subsection 1, the application must be signed by the dealer and must contain the name and the address of any lienholder or assignee holding an interest created or reserved at the time of sale and the date of the lien. The dealer shall, within 30 days after the sale, deliver the application to the Secretary of State. The dealer must deliver a copy of the application to the lienholder.
- Violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction for which a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 may be adjudged for each infraction.
  - A. Violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction when the application is delivered to the Secretary of State more than 30 days but less than 90 days after the date of sale.
  - B. Violation of this subsection is a Class E crime when the application has not been delivered to the Secretary of State 90 days or more after the date of sale.
- Sec. 17. 29-A MRSA §664-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 598, §29, is further amended to read:
- 1. Vehicle sold by dealer. A vehicle that is offered for sale or sold by a dealer must be accompanied by a properly assigned and valid certificate of title or certificate of salvage at the time of its sale. A dealer may retain and process certificates of title and certificates of salvage at the dealer's primary facility if in the case when the dealer displays a vehicle at an annex facility the dealer maintains a copy of the certificate of title or certificate of salvage at the annex facility.
- Sec. 18. 29-A MRSA §754, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

1 2 3	1. Examination of identification numbers. A State Police officer or a moto vehicle investigator detective may examine the vehicle identification numbers of vehicle or vehicle part. Failure to allow the examination is a Class E crime.
4 5	<b>Sec. 19. 29-A MRSA §901, sub-§4,</b> as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
6 7 8	<b>4. Surety bonds.</b> A dealer other than an equipment and light trailer dealer shall fill with the Secretary of State and maintain a surety bond in the following amount, based on the prior year's sales:
9	A. For 0 to 50 sales, \$5,000 \$25,000;
10	B. For 51 to 100 sales, \$10,000 \$50,000;
11	C. For 101 to 150 sales, \$15,000 \$75,000; or
12	D. For 151 to 200 sales and over, \$20,000; or \$100,000.
13	E. For 201 sales and over, \$25,000.
14	Initial licensees shall file a bond based on projected sales.
15 16	Persons beginning in the business as licensed vehicle dealers are subject to review afte initial bonding depending on volume.
17 18	All licensees must be reviewed annually by the Secretary of State to determine compliance with the correct amount of the bonds.
19 20	Failure to maintain such a bond is grounds for immediate suspension of the deale license.
21 22	Any persons with a claim against the bond required by this subsection must file the claim within 3 years from the date of sale.
23 24	<b>Sec. 20. 29-A MRSA §1002, sub-§8, ¶B,</b> as enacted by PL 2003, c. 652, Pt. B §5 and affected by §8, is amended to read:
25 26 27	B. A dealer must obtain a written permit from the Secretary of State to operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles carrying a load. The permit must be issued in accordance with the following provisions.
28 29 30	(1) The operation of the vehicle or combination of vehicles and load must be in conjunction with the sale or purchase of a motor vehicle, vehicle or equipment by the dealer.
31 32	(2) The load must consist of a motor vehicle, trailer or equipment that the dealer is licensed to sell.
33 34	(3) The load may not consist of more than one automobile, truck or truck tractor at any time.
35 36	(4) The initial fee and renewal fee for a permit issued under this paragraph are \$200 each.

1 2	(5) A permit expires one year 90 days from the date of issuance and may be renewed annually.
3 4 5	(6) A permit must contain the name and address of the licensed dealer, an effective date, an expiration date and any other information required by the Secretary of State.
6 7	Sec. 21. 29-A MRSA §1301, sub-§6-A, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 149, §4, is amended to read:
8 9 10 11 12	<b>6-A.</b> Confidentiality. Except as authorized under required by 18 United States Code, Section 2721(b), the Secretary of State may not disseminate information collected under subsection 6 to any entity without specific authorization from the Legislature. For every willful violation of this subsection, a person commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$500 may be adjudged.
13 14	Sec. 22. 29-A MRSA §1303, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
15 16 17 18	A. An acceptable certificate signed by a doctor, optometrist, registered nurse or other person approved by the Secretary of State, setting forth the person's visual acuity in each eye, both eyes combined and field of vision. The certificate must indicate that it is based on an examination completed within one year of the date of application; or
19 20	Sec. 23. 29-A MRSA §1304, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 2005, c. 577, §19, is further amended to read:
21 22	C. An applicant for a motorcycle permit must complete a motorcycle driver rider education program course as required by section 1352.
23 24	Sec. 24. 29-A MRSA §1304, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 2015, c. 473, §14, is further amended to read:
25 26 27	E. If the holder of a learner's permit fails to complete the driving test within 2 years from the date of issuance of a learner's permit the holder must retake the motorcycle driver rider education program course for a subsequent learner's permit to be issued.
28 29	<b>Sec. 25. 29-A MRSA §1352,</b> as amended by PL 2015, c. 473, §§15 and 16, is further amended to read:
30	§1352. Motorcycle rider education
31 32 33 34	1. Motorcycle rider education required. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a motorcycle learner's permit, license or endorsement may not be issued to a person, unless that person presents a certificate of successful completion of a motorcycle driver rider education program course and examination approved by the Secretary of State.
35 36	<b>2. Education course.</b> The following provisions apply to motorcycle driver rider education programs courses.
37 38	A. A motorcycle driver rider education program course must consist of classroom and hands-on instruction directly related to the actual operation of motorcycles,

emphasizing safety measures designed to ensure greater awareness of careful and 1 2 skillful operation of motorcycles. 3 B. The program course may be offered by a public secondary school, a private secondary school approved for attendance purposes by the Commissioner of 4 5 Education, a career and technical education center or career and technical education region or adult education program conducted under Title 20-A, chapter 316. 6 C. A motorcycle program course offered independently of an approved driver 7 8 education course may not be offered for credit toward a high school diploma. 9 E. The Secretary of State must approve a motorcycle driver rider education program 10 course. 11 3. Instructors. The following provisions apply to the certification licensing of 12 instructors. 13 A. A person may not conduct a motorcycle driver rider education program course 14 unless eertified licensed by the Secretary of State as a qualified instructor. 15 B. The Secretary of State shall: 16 (1) Conduct, or authorize other qualified persons to conduct, eertification 17 instructor preparation courses; and 18 Establish reasonable qualification standards and requirements for 19 certification licensing. The requirements must include a provision to demonstrate 20 proficiency in operating a motorcycle. 21 4. Instructor availability. When a certified licensed instructor is not available in a 22 geographic area, the Secretary of State may assign a qualified instructor for the program 23 course subject to the following provisions. 24 A. The requesting authority must ensure a minimum class size of 6 students. 25 B. The Secretary of State shall charge a program course fee comparable to other 26 motorcycle driver rider education programs courses. 27 C. An instructor is not a "teacher" within the meaning of Title 5, section 17001, subsection 42 or Title 20-A. 28 29 5. Completion certificates. An instructor shall issue a completion certificate to a 30 student who has successfully completed the course. 31 **6.** Waiver of examination. The Secretary of State may waive the required: 32 A. Written examination on receipt of a completion certificate; and 33 B. Road examination for the holder of a valid motor vehicle operator's license on receipt of a certificate demonstrating successful completion of a novice rider course 34 35 approved by the Secretary of State. An endorsement issued pursuant to this 36 paragraph prohibits the holder from carrying a passenger for a period of 60 days 37 following the date of issuance of the endorsement.

1 2 3	a certificate of completion or an instructor's eertificate license for just cause in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.
4 5	Sec. 26. 29-A MRSA §1353, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
6	§1353. Motorcycle rider education fees
7 8 9	The annual fee for <u>an</u> instructor <u>certification</u> <u>license</u> is \$100. The annual fee for inspection of a motorcycle education classroom is \$50. The <u>annual</u> fee for inspection of a motorcycle driving range is \$50.
10 11	Sec. 27. 29-A MRSA §1401, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2003, c. 434, §19 and affected by §37, is further amended to read:
12 13 14	2. Photograph or digital image. A license, except for a temporary license, must bear a full-face color photograph or digital image of the licensee. The following are exempt from the photographic or digital image requirement:
15	B. A person in active military service stationed outside the State; and
16	C. Another person approved by the Secretary of State.
17 18	<b>Sec. 28. 29-A MRSA §1401, sub-§6,</b> as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c. 149, §5, is amended to read:
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	6. Storage, recording, retention and distribution of digital images and digitized signatures. Digital images and digitized signatures used to produce a license are confidential and may be distributed only for use by a law enforcement agency in carrying out its functions or as otherwise authorized under the provisions of 18 United States Code, Section 2721 by rule adopted pursuant to section 256. The Secretary of State may store, record and retain digital images and digitized signatures used only for the purpose of producing a license. A violation of this subsection is a violation of section 2103, subsection 4.
27 28	Sec. 29. 29-A MRSA §1405, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 206, §7, is amended to read:
29 30 31 32 33	3. Fee. The fee for a duplicate registration certificate is \$2. The fee for a duplicate learner's permit, duplicate license or duplicate nondriver identification card is \$5. The fee for the expedited issuance of a duplicate license or nondriver identification card is an additional \$10. The reason for the expedited issuance must be provided and the Secretary of State shall determine if expedited issuance is warranted.
34	Sec. 30. 29-A MRSA §1406-A, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:
35 36	2-A. Expedited issuance of driver's license. An applicant requesting the expedited issuance of a driver's license under this section must pay an additional fee of \$10 and

2	provide the reason for the request. The Secretary of State shall determine if expedited issuance is warranted.
3 4	<b>Sec. 31. 29-A MRSA §1408, sub-§1,</b> as amended by PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. B, §26 is further amended to read:
5 6 7 8 9	1. Immediate possession required. A licensee, including a temporary licensee of holder of a learner's permit, must have the license in immediate possession when operating a motor vehicle. Possession may be in electronic form. For purposes of this section, "electronic form" means a digital representation of the information contained in a physical license or permit on a portable electronic device.
10 11	<b>Sec. 32. 29-A MRSA §1408, sub-§2,</b> as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
12 13 14 15	2. Display. On demand of a law enforcement officer, the licensee must produce the license or an electronic version of the license for inspection. The use of a portable electronic device to provide license information does not constitute consent for a law enforcement officer to access other contents of the portable electronic device.
16 17	Sec. 33. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §5 and repealed and replaced by c. 691, Pt. A, §30, is further amended to read:
18	B. "Authorized emergency vehicle" means any one of the following vehicles:
19	(1) An ambulance;
20 21	(2) A Baxter State Park Authority vehicle operated by a Baxter State Park ranger;
22	(3) A Bureau of Marine Patrol vehicle operated by a coastal warden;
23 24	(4) A Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry vehicle operated by a forest ranger;
25 26	(5) A Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry vehicle used for forest fire control;
27 28 29	(6) A Department of Corrections vehicle used for responding to the escape of or performing the high-security transfer of a prisoner, juvenile client or juvenile detainee;
30	(7) A Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife vehicle operated by a warden;
31 32 33	(8) A Department of Public Safety vehicle operated by a police officer appointed pursuant to Title 25, section 2908, a state fire investigator or a Maine Drug Enforcement Agency officer;
34	(9) An emergency medical service vehicle;
35	(10) A fire department vehicle;
36 37	(11) A hazardous material response vehicle, including a vehicle designed to respond to a weapon of mass destruction;

1	(12) A railroad police vehicle;
2	(13) A sheriff's department vehicle;
3 .	(14) A State Police or municipal police department vehicle;
4 5	(15) A vehicle operated by a chief of police, a sheriff or a deputy sheriff when authorized by the sheriff;
6	(16) A vehicle operated by a municipal fire inspector, a municipal fire chief, an assistant or deputy chief or a town forest fire warden;
.8 9 10	(17) A vehicle operated by a qualified deputy sheriff or other qualified individual to perform court security-related functions and services as authorized by the State Court Administrator pursuant to Title 4, section 17, subsection 15;
11 12	(18) A Federal Government vehicle operated by a federal law enforcement officer;
13 14	(19) A vehicle operated by a municipal rescue chief, deputy chief or assistant chief;
15 16	(20) An Office of the Attorney General vehicle operated by a detective appointed pursuant to Title 5, section 202;
17 18	(21) A Department of the Secretary of State vehicle operated by a motor vehicle investigator detective; and
19 20	(22) A University of Maine System vehicle operated by a University of Maine System police officer.
21 22	<b>Sec. 34. 29-A MRSA §2303, sub-§1, ¶C,</b> as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A. §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed.
23	Sec. 35. 29-A MRSA §2390, sub-§1, ¶K is enacted to read:
24 25 26 27 28	K. A tow-away transporter combination may be operated with an overall length not exceeding 82 feet on the interstate highway system and those qualifying federal aid primary system highways designated by the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation pursuant to the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, Public Law 114-94, Section 5523 (2016).
29 30	<b>Sec. 36. 29-A MRSA §2451, sub-§3,</b> as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 329, Pt. A, §17, is amended to read:
31 32 33	3. Suspension period. Unless a longer period of suspension is otherwise provided by law and imposed by the court, the Secretary of State shall suspend the license of a person convicted of OUI for the following minimum periods:
34 35	A. One hundred fifty days, if the person has one OUI conviction within a 10-year period;
36	B. Three years, if the person has 2 OUI offenses within a 10-year period;
37	C. Six years, if the person has 3 OUI offenses within a 10-year period; or

E. Eight years, if the person has 4 or more OUI offenses within a 10-year period-; or 1 F. Ten years, if the person has a prior conviction for a Class B or Class C OUI 2 offense pursuant to section 2411, subsection 1-A, paragraph D, subparagraph (2). 3 For the purposes of this subsection, a conviction or suspension has occurred within a 10-4 year period if the date of the new conduct is within 10 years of a date of suspension or 5 imposition of sentence. The 10-year limitation does not apply to a prior conviction for a 6 Class B or Class C OUI offense; the conviction may have occurred at any time. 7 Sec. 37. 29-A MRSA §2472, sub-§2-B, as amended by PL 2013, c. 496, §16, is 8 further amended to read: 9 2-B. Reexamination. The holder of a juvenile provisional license convicted of an 10 offense listed in section 2551-A, subsection 1, paragraph A, as limited by section 2551-A, 11 subsection 3, must successfully complete an examination pursuant to section 1301, 12 subsection 4 as prescribed by the Secretary of State within 90 days after that license is 13 restored. Failure to successfully complete the examination results in a subsequent 14 suspension. 15 SUMMARY 16 This bill makes the following changes to the motor vehicle laws: 17 1. It allows a municipal official or other persons designated by the municipality to 18 receive and process applications for noncommercial driver's license renewals and 19 duplicates and nondriver identification card renewals and duplicates through the 2.0 21 municipality; 2. It allows the Secretary of State to carry out procedures established in rules for the 22 disclosure of personal information contained in motor vehicle records in accordance with 23 state and federal law; 24 3. It clarifies that the Secretary of State may authorize the display of the International 25 Fuel Tax Agreement cab card in electronic format and reduces most violations of the 26 International Fuel Tax Agreement laws from a Class E crime to a traffic infraction. It 2.7 also makes clear that a suspension issued by another International Fuel Tax Agreement 28 29 jurisdiction is a suspension in Maine. It further authorizes the Secretary of State to participate in any pilot project related to International Fuel Tax Agreement licenses and 30 31 decals; 4. It changes the violation provisions for when a dealer fails to file a title application 32 with the Secretary of State within 30 days from a traffic infraction and fine for any 33 violation to a traffic infraction for applications filed more than 30 days to less than 90 34 days after the sale and a Class E crime for applications not filed 90 days or more after the 35 sale. It also requires that vehicles offered for sale by a dealer must be accompanied by a 36

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sales:

valid certificate of title and raises the amounts of the surety bond on projected dealer

5. It reduces the term for a permit to carry a load for vehicles weighing more than 10,000 pounds while displaying a dealer plate to 90 days from one year;

- 6. It prohibits disclosure of social security numbers in motor vehicle records except as required by federal law;
- 7. It modernizes language and provides consistency between statute and the rules governing motorcycle rider education requirements. It allows a person without a driver's license to complete the mandatory basic rider education course and be issued a Maine license restricted to the operation of a motorcycle without a road examination. It also modifies the statutory language regarding fees associated with the motorcycle rider education program to be consistent with other references to rider education;
- 8. It removes the requirement that a driver's license bear a color photograph of the licensee and allows the Secretary of State to adopt rules to determine the authorized distribution of digital images and digitized signatures. It allows a person to have and present a mobile driver's license in electronic form if one is made available. It also creates an additional fee for expediting the issuance of driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards and duplicates;
- 9. It streamlines the requirement in the licensing of new school bus operators by allowing certain Department of Education training requirements to be completed after hiring;
- 10. It clarifies and makes consistent the Secretary of State's administrative driver's license suspension authority with court-ordered suspension authority; and
- 11. It allows the Secretary of State to administer only the road test in conjunction with the reexamination process for a suspended juvenile provisional license and removes the requirement to provide a written examination to fulfill the restoration requirements.
  - 12. It amends the law to conform to current testing practices for visual acuity.
- 13. It changes the position name of motor vehicle investigator to motor vehicle detective to be consistent with the position name change negotiated in the Maine State Employees Association contract.
- 14. It defines "tow-away transporter combination" as a truck or truck tractor towing 2 trailers or semitrailers when the trailers or semitrailers are the property being transported by a manufacturer, distributor or dealer and establishes a maximum total vehicle length for the configuration of 82 feet. This change is required pursuant to the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act.

### STATE OF MAINE 128TH LEGISLATURE

#### LEGISLATIVE NOTICES

### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Sen. Ronald Collins, Senate Chair Rep. Andrew McLean, House Chair

PUBLIC HEARING:

Tuesday, May 09, 2017, 1:00 PM, State House, Room 126

(L.D. 1559)

Bill "An Act To Remove the Law Mandating a Front License Plate" (HP1075) (Presented by Representative CEBRA of Naples)

(L.D. 1577)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws" (HP1084) (Presented by Representative MCLEAN of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York, Senator MIRAMANT of Knox, Senator ROSEN of Hancock, Representative PARRY of Arundel, Representative SCHNECK of Bangor, Representative GILLWAY of Searsport, Representative BRYANT of Windham, Representative PERKINS of Oakland, Representative CEBRA of Naples) Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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## STATE OF MAINE 128TH LEGISLATURE

#### LEGISLATIVE NOTICES

#### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Sen. Ronald Collins, Senate Chair Rep. Andrew McLean, House Chair

PUBLIC HEARING:

Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 1:00 PM, State House, Room 126

(L.D. 1595)

Bill "An Act Regarding Inspection Requirements for Public Safety and Municipal Vehicles Owned by Island Communities" (HP1099) (Presented by Representative COOPER of Yarmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland, Senator DOW of Lincoln, Representative DEVIN of Newcastle, Representative SYLVESTER of Portland, Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle) Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

#### WORK SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HEARINGS

- (L.D. 1009) Bill "Resolve, To Require the Maine Turnpike Authority To Study the Feasibility of Constructing a Gorham Connector" (HP0710) (Presented by Representative MCLEAN of Gorham)
- (L.D. 1577) Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws" (HP1084) (Presented by Representative MCLEAN of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York, Senator MIRAMANT of Knox, Senator ROSEN of Hancock, Representative PARRY of Arundel, Representative SCHNECK of Bangor, Representative GILLWAY of Searsport, Representative BRYANT of Windham, Representative PERKINS of Oakland, Representative CEBRA of Naples) Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
- (L.D. 1440) Bill "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019" (HP0995) (EMERGENCY) (Presented by Representative MCLEAN of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York, Representative PARRY of Arundel)

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Joint Standing Committee on TRANSPORTATION

L.D. # 1577

Title:

An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

May 9, 2017 Date:

Date: May 9, 2017 Name	Town/Affiliation	Proponent	Opponent	Neither	Written Testimony Provided
Rep Andrew McLean	Sponsor	X			No
Patty Morneault	BMV	X			X
Tom Brown	Me Automobile Dealers Association		X		X



# Department of the Secretary of State Bureau of Motor Vehicles

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Testimony of Patty Morneault

Deputy Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles

May 9, 2017

Testifying in Favor

LD 1577 "An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws"

Senator Collins, Representative McLean and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. My name is Patty Morneault, I live in Turner. I am the deputy secretary of state for BMV. I am representing the bureau today testifying in support of LD 1577.

LD 1577 is the bureau's omnibus bill providing technical changes to various sections of Title 29-A and other statutes referencing the bureau's operations.

Sections 1 through 5 and sections 8, 19 and 33 change the position name of motor vehicle investigator to motor vehicle detective to be consistent with the position name change negotiated in the Maine State Law Enforcement Association contract.

Sections 7 and 35 define tow-away transporter combination vehicles as a truck or truck tractor towing 2 trailers or semitrailers when the trailers or semitrailers being transported are the property of a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer, and establish a maximum total vehicle length for the configuration of 82 feet. The change is required pursuant to the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act.

Sections 9 and 10 allow a municipal official or other persons designated by the municipality to receive and process applications for noncommercial driver's license renewals and duplicates.

Section 11 allows the Secretary of State to carry out procedures established in rules for the disclosure of personal information contained in motor vehicle records in accordance with state and federal law.

Sections 12 through 15 clarify that the Secretary of State may authorize the display of the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) cab card in electronic format, and reduce most violations of the agreement from a Class E crime to a traffic infraction. The sections also make clear that a suspension issued by another IFTA jurisdiction is a suspension in Maine, and further authorizes the Secretary of State to participate in any pilot project related to IFTA licenses and decals.

Sections 16, 17 and 19 change the violation provisions for when a dealer fails to file a title application with the Secretary of State within 30 days. Applications filed more than 30 days to less than 90 days after sale are a traffic infraction and fine, and applications filed 90 days or more after the sale are a Class E crime. The changes also include requirements that vehicles offered for sale by a dealer must be accompanied by a valid certificate of title and raises the amounts of surety bond on projected dealer sales.

Section 20 reduces the term for a permit to carry a load for vehicles weighing more than 10,000 pounds while displaying a dealer plate from one year to 90 days.

Section 21 prohibits disclosure of social security numbers in motor vehicle records except as required by federal law.

Section 22 amends the law to conform to current testing practices for visual acuity.

Sections 23 through 26 modernize language and provide consistency between statute and the rules governing motorcycle rider education requirements, allow a person without a driver's license to complete the mandatory basic rider education course and be issued a Maine license restricted to the operation of a motorcycle without a road examination, and modifies the statutory language regarding fees associated with the motorcycle rider education course to be consistent with other references to rider/driver education.

Section 27 removes the requirement that a driver's license bear a color photograph.

Section 28 allows the Secretary of State to adopt rules to determine the authorized distribution of digital images and digitized signatures.

Sections 29 and 30 create an additional fee for expediting the issuance of driver's licenses and duplicates of driver's licenses and non-driver identification cards.

Sections 31 and 32 allow a person to have and present a mobile driver's license in electronic form if one is made available.

Section 34 repeals §2303, sub-§1, paragraph C to streamline the requirement in the licensing of new school bus operators by allowing the Department of Education training, physical, mental and moral requirements to be completed after hiring.

Section 36 clarifies and makes consistent the Secretary of State's administrative driver's license authority with courtordered suspension authority.

Section 37 allows the Secretary of State to administer only the road test in conjunction with the reexamination process for a suspended juvenile provisional license and removes the requirement to provide a written examination to fulfill the restoration requirement.

That concludes my testimony, thank you for your time and consideration and I am happy to answer any questions.



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Senator Ronald F. Collins
Representative Andrew J. McLean
Members of the Transportation Committee

RE: L.D. 1577 - An Act To Amend The Motor Vehicle Laws

The Maine Automobile Dealers Association (MADA) is the state-wide organization of franchised new car and truck dealerships, all of whom belong to MADA. We sell and service both new and pre-owned vehicles from 116 licensed dealerships in all areas of Maine with the help of over 6,000 employees. Our member dealerships sold approximately 125,000 new and used vehicles to customers in 2016, over 65% of all such sales through Maine-licensed dealerships.

MADA writes regarding two (2) sections of this LD – Sections 17 and 19.

We respectfully oppose Section 17, and we provide comment on Section 19.

<u>Section 17</u> significantly changes dealerships' ability to display and sell pre-owned vehicles. Current law provides that a dealership must have in its possession the title to a vehicle <u>"at the time of its sale"</u>. LD 1577 would require that dealerships have the title in hand when a vehicle is <u>"offered for sale"</u>. This is a critical difference, depending on what is meant by <u>"offered for sale"</u>.

If one assumes that <u>"offered for sale"</u> means displayed in dealership inventory (either on dealership websites or at the physical location), there is the likelihood that a period of time would elapse before the dealership could even place a used vehicle where the public could see it and develop interest in buying it.

To understand this issue, one must first understand how the title on many used vehicles gets to the dealership.

The vast majority of customers finance the purchase of a vehicle – new or used. Maine law provides that the title to a motor vehicle resides with the customer if there is no outstanding loan or lease, <u>but</u> with the lienholder when a vehicle purchase has been financed or there is a lease. MADA's issue with Section 17 is not with those instances in which the customer has the title, nor in most cases in which the lienholder is a Maine financial institution.

In many cases, however, the customer trading in a motor vehicle is not in possession of the title because the loan has not yet been paid off at the national financial institution. In such cases, the dealership has to first determine which financial institution holds the loan, contact that financial institution for the amount necessary to pay off the customer's loan, and ask if there are other liens on the vehicle (or check on potential multiple liens through a subscriber search of Bureau of Motor Vehicle title records via INFORME). Once the amount of any outstanding loan is known, the customer trading the vehicle is asked to complete and sign documents which summarize the trade-in, including a MVT-16 Transfer of Ownership (moves ownership of vehicle from customer to dealership) and a document authorizing the financial institution to send the paid-off title to the dealership.

While the quickest method of paying off the lienholder would normally be through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) Network, many of the national financial institutions do not accept this method of payment. Thus, the dealership sends its check to the lienholder via overnight or 2-day service, the lienholder states that it will take 10-15 <u>business</u> days to process that payment, that it (the lienholder) will then direct the department with physical possession of the title (generally there is one such central repository in the country – and at a different location from the office processing payments) to notate the lien release and send it (via first class mail) to the dealership. If that process goes smoothly, and the title does not go to the customer (happens often), the dealership receives the paid-off title about 30 days after the actual trade-in date. If the process has problems, it can be 45 days or more.

Holding a used vehicle away from potential customers and out of commerce for 30 days or more increases dealership expense for floor plan (inventory financing) as well as depreciation (value of vehicle declines month-to-month), combining to be several hundred dollars.

And, for lease customers wishing to purchase their leased vehicle, changing the current system would essentially prohibit a legal transfer from the leasing company (the owner and in possession of the title), since it is impossible to have the title present on the day the customer wants to exercise the right of purchase.

\*\*\* For the reasons stated above, MADA respectfully requests that Section 17 of LD 1577 be rejected.\*\*\*

Improvements to this title transfer problem could be realized in two ways: 1) use by the national financial institutions of BMV's electronic lien release system (a well-received change developed by BMV a few years ago, but used mostly by Maine financial institutions); and 2) an electronic titling system (not a panacea, but a very significant improvement).

Section 19 of LD 1577 significantly increases the surety bond which licensed Maine dealerships must obtain, both in terms of the amount of the bond as well as its cost to purchase (400 to 500% higher than current levels for both surety amount and cost). MADA supports an increase in the bond levels, given current values of vehicles. We point out the significant change, given that complaints from dealerships about the cost increase are bound to be heard. Questions were asked about what the surety covers, so we attach the current form mandated by BMV.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our thoughts on Sections 17 and 19 of LD 1577.

Sincerely,

Thomas T. Brown, Jr.

President

## Appendix B

## SURETY BOND FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER

	E	BOND #		
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRES	ENTS:			
That we(Name of Dealership)	of (city/town)	_, State of Maine, as Principal, and		
(Name of Bonding Company) a Co	orporation organized and existir	ng under the laws of the State of.		
money of the United States of Amer	in the penal sum of rica, for which payment well and , administrators, successors, pe	held and firmly bound unto the dollars (\$), lawful truly be made, we and each of us, ersonal representatives and assigns,		
SIGNED, SEALED and DATED this	s day of _	, 2		

Whereas the above bounden Principal has or is about to make application to the Secretary of State, State of Maine, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, for a license authorizing said Principal to engage in the business of a motor vehicle dealer in accordance with Title 29A M.R.S.A. and rules promulgated thereunder by the Secretary of State, and if so licensed, said Principal is required to furnish a Surety Bond pursuant to 29-A M.R.S.A. §901(4).

Now, therefore, the condition of this Obligation is such that if the said Principal shall faithfully observe the provisions of Title 29-A M.R.S.A., and all the rules promulgated thereunder relating to the business of a motor vehicle dealer, then this Obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This bond shall be for the use and benefit of the Secretary of State, State of Maine, and for any person, firm or operation who may suffer loss because the Principal fails to comply with the abovementioned laws and Rules.

This bond shall run concurrently with the period of the motor vehicle dealer's license granted to the Principal and shall terminate at 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the period of such license, unless said bond is continued in force for another license period by the issuance of a continuation certificate signed by the Surety.

The Surety may cancel at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice by registered or certified mail to the Secretary of State, State of Maine, Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The Surety shall not be discharged from any liability which shall accrue prior to expiration of such thirty (30) day period.

Principal and Surety agree to be bound by the laws of the State of Maine as to the interpretation of this instrument.

	(Principal)
By: Witness	Date Date
	(Surety Company)
By: Witness	Date Date
	(Address of Surety Company)

LD 1577 - An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws	Bill Summary	Testimony/Notes
Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17716, as amended by PL 2007, c. 491, §135, is further amended to read: § 17716.Motor vehicle detectives  A motor vehicle investigatordetective, senior motor vehicle investigatordetective, principal motor vehicle investigatordetective or chief motor vehicle investigatordetective who elects the retirement option provided in section 17851, subsection 14 shall contribute to the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program or have pick-up contributions made by the employer as provided in section 17852, subsection 15.	Changes the position name of motor vehicle "investigator" to be consistent with the position name negotiated in the Maine State Employees Association	Sections 1 thru 6, 8, 18 and 33 change position name of motor vehicle "investigator" to "detective" to be consistent w/position name change negotiated in the ME State Law Enforcement
Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §17851, sub-§14, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 402, §2, is amended to read:  14. Motor vehicle detectives; option. A motor vehicle investigator detective, senior motor vehicle investigator detective, principal motor vehicle investigator detective or chief motor vehicle investigator detective qualifies for a service retirement benefit upon reaching 55 years of age after completing at least 25 years of creditable service in that capacity if notice of election of the option and payment of employee contributions and actuarial costs are made as provided in section 17852, subsection 15.	See section 1.	Assoc. contract.  See section 1.
subsection 15.  Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§15, as amended by PL 2007, c. 491, §§171, 172, is further amended to read:  15. Motor vehicle investigators and motor vehicle detectives; option. The retirement benefit of a person who qualifies under section 17851, subsection 14 and who retires upon or after reaching 55 years of age is computed in accordance with subsection 1 if:  A. The person was first employed as a motor vehicle investigator or a motor vehicle detective on or after October 1, 1997, elects the option provided in section 17851, subsection 14 and pays to the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program an increased employee payroll contribution in an amount that equals the full actuarial cost of electing that option; or  B. The person was first employed as a motor vehicle investigator before October 1, 1997, elects the option provided in section 17851, subsection 14 and pays to the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program a single payment or periodic payments of a lump sum or a combination of single and periodic payments of that amount that equals the full actuarial cost of electing that option for service before that date. [PL 2007, c. 491, § 172 (AMD).]  A person who requests calculation of the full actuarial cost, regardless of whether the person elects the option, must pay to the retirement system by a single lump sum payment the reasonable administrative costs of determining the full actuarial costs. Payment of the full actuarial cost related to service on or after October 1, 1997 is made as part of the employee payroll contribution.  For the purposes of this subsection, "full actuarial cost" means that the person's payment or payments must fully offset any unfunded liability that would or does result from retirement under the option provided in section 17851, subsection 14 and must fully fund the cost of the person's retirement prior to normal retirement age so that an additional employer contribution is not required.  A person who makes the election provided in section 17851, subsection		See section 1.

on which the person is first employed as a motor vehicle investigator or a motor vehicle detective must		
include interest, at a rate to be set by the board not to exceed regular interest by 5 or more percentage		
points, applied as of the date on which the person was first employed in that capacity to the		·
contributions the person would have paid or had picked up by the employer had the person elected that		
option at the date of first employment.		
This subsection takes effect October 1, 1997. Election to retire under this subsection is a one-time		-
irrevocable election. A person who was first employed as a motor vehicle investigator or a motor		
vehicle detective on or after October 1, 1997 must make the election no later than 90 days after the		
date of first employment. A person who was first employed in that capacity before October 1, 1997		
must make the election no later than January 1, 1998.		
Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§16, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 401, §3, is further amended to read:	See section 1.	See section 1.
16. Motor vehicle detectives exercising option; retirement before 55 years of age. For a person		
exercising the option provided in section 17851, subsection 14 who makes the payments required in		
subsection 15 and who retires before reaching 55 years of age, the retirement benefit is determined as		
follows.		
A. For members with 10 years of creditable service on July 1, 1993, the retirement benefit is		
determined in accordance with subsection 1, except that:		
(1) The amount arrived at under subsection 1 is reduced by applying to that amount the percentage that		
a life annuity due at 55 years of age bears to the life annuity due at the age of retirement; and		
(2) For the purpose of making the computation under subparagraph (1), the board-approved tables of		
annuities in effect at the date of the member's retirement are used.		
For the purpose of calculating creditable service under this subsection only, "creditable service"		
includes time during which a member participated in the voluntary cost-savings plan or the voluntary		
employee incentive program, authorized by Public Law 1989, chapter 702, Part F, section 6 and Public		
Law 1991, chapter 591, Part BB and chapter 780, Part VV; 10 years of combined creditable service	-	
under this Part and Title 3, chapter 29; or creditable service available to a member that the member		
was eligible to purchase on June 30, 1993 and that the member does purchase in accordance with rules		
adopted by the board.		
B. For members who do not have 10 years of creditable service on July 1, 1993, the retirement benefit		
is determined in accordance with subsection 1, except that the benefit is reduced by 6% for each year		
that the person's age precedes 55 years of age.		
Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §12552, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2009, c. 421, §1, is further amended to read:	See section 1.	See section 1.
2. Law enforcement officer. "Law enforcement officer" means an active state police officer,		
municipal police officer, county sheriff or deputy sheriff in this State. "Law enforcement officer" also		
means an active game warden, fire marshal, forest ranger, Baxter State Park ranger, detective		
employed by the Office of the Attorney General pursuant to Title 5, section 202, person employed by		
the Department of Corrections as an investigative officer as defined in Title 34-A, section 1001,		
subsection 10-A, juvenile community corrections officer as described in Title 34-A, section 5602,		
probation officer, security officer appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety pursuant to Title		
25, section 2908, motor vehicle investigator detective or supervisor appointed by the Secretary of State		
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pursuant to Title 29-A, section 152, military security police officer appointed by the Adjutant General,		
University of Maine System police officer or marine patrol officer, if employed on a full-time basis in		
that position in this State.		
Sec. 6. 25 MRSA §1611, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2013, c. 147, §2, is further amended to read:	See section 1.	See section 1.
5. Law enforcement officer or officer. "Law enforcement officer" or "officer" means an active state		
police officer, municipal police officer, county sheriff, deputy sheriff, game warden, an employee of		
the Office of the State Fire Marshal who has law enforcement powers pursuant to section 2396,		
subsection 7, fire marshal, judicial marshal, forest ranger, Baxter State Park ranger, a detective		∞
employed by the Office of the Attorney General pursuant to Title 5, section 202, a person employed		
by the Department of Corrections as an investigative officer as defined in Title 34-A, section 1001,		
subsection 10-A, a juvenile community corrections officer as described in Title 34-A, section 5602, a	,	·
probation officer, a security officer appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety pursuant to		
section 2908, a motor vehicle investigator detective or supervisor appointed by the Secretary of State		
pursuant to Title 29-A, section 152, a military security police officer appointed by the Adjutant		
General, a University of Maine System police officer or marine patrol officer in this State.		
Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§80-A is enacted to read:	Defines "tow-away	Strike sections 7 and 35.
80-A. Tow-away transporter combination. "Tow-away transporter combination" means a	transporter combination"	LD 1524, DPS omnibus bill,
combination of vehicles, with a combined gross weight not exceeding 26,000 pounds, consisting of a	Est max total veh length	already addressed this. Sec.
truck or truck and tractor and 2 trailers or semitrailers, which do not carry property and constitute	for config of 82 ft. Req	11 of LD 1524 - "Stinger-
inventory property of a manufacturer, distributor or dealer of such trailers or semitrailers.	per federal FAST Act.	steered auto transporter"
Sec. 8. 29-A MRSA §152, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2007, c. 12, §1, is further amended to read:	See section 1.	See section 1.
2. Deputize agents, examiners and detectives. Appoint and deputize agents, examiners and motor		
vehicle investigators detectives, stationed at convenient places, to receive applications for registration		
and licenses for the operation of vehicles, to conduct examinations and to perform assigned duties.		
A motor vehicle investigator detective has the powers and duty to enforce all provisions of this Title		
and Title 17-A and all the laws of the State with the same powers that a sheriff has in a county. A		
motor vehicle investigator detective is at all times subject to all other investigatory duties assigned by		
the Secretary of State.		
Sec. 9. 29-A MRSA §201, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5,	Allows a municipal	See also section 10.
is amended to read:	official or other persons	
1. Appointment of agents by Secretary of State; scope of authority. With the approval of the	designated by the	
municipal officers, the Secretary of State may appoint a municipal tax collector, or other persons	municipality to receive	
designated by a municipality, to collect excise taxes on vehicles and to receive applications for	and process applications	
licenses, noncommercial driver's license renewals, and duplicates, nondriver identification card	for noncommercial	
renewals and duplicates and new registrations and renewals of registrations of motor vehicles, trailers	driver's license renewals	
and semitrailers. The Secretary of State may authorize a municipal agent to issue licenses, registrations	and duplicates and	
and renewals and duplicates of noncommercial driver's licenses and, nondriver identification cards,	nondriver identification	
new registrations and renewals of registrations or may limit the agent's authority to the issuance of	card renewals and	
renewals only.	duplicates through the	
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Sec. 10. 29-A MRSA §201, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2005, c. 573, §2, is further amended to read:	See section 9.	See section 9.
3. Service fees. Municipal agents appointed in accordance with subsection 1 may charge service fees		
for <del>licenses,</del> registrations and renewals of licenses and registrations as follows.		
A. A municipal agent may charge an applicant a fee not to exceed \$3 over the required fee for each		·
renewal of a noncommercial driver's license or nondriver identification card or registration issued and		
a fee not to exceed \$4 over the required fee for each new license or registration issued.		
B. In a municipality in which agents are authorized to issue <del>licenses,</del> registrations or renewals of		
noncommercial driver's licenses, nondriver identification cards or registrations for applicants from		
another municipality or from an unorganized territory, the agent may charge those applicants \$1 in		
addition to the fees authorized by this subsection for each <del>license,</del> registration or renewal.		
C. A municipal agent authorized to issue temporary registration permits may charge an applicant a fee		
not to exceed \$1 over the required permit fee.		
D. A municipal agent authorized to process permits and decals for vehicles with gross vehicle weight		
in excess of 6,000 may charge a fee not to exceed \$1 over the required fee for each permit or decal		
issued.		
E. A municipal agent may charge a fee not to exceed \$1 over the required fee for the issuance of a		
duplicate registration, duplicate noncommercial driver's license or duplicate nondriver identification		
<u>card</u> .		
F. A municipal agent may charge any applicant a fee not to exceed \$2 over and above the required		
operator's license fee for each renewal issued.		
G. A municipal agent may charge an applicant a fee not to exceed \$1 over the required fee when an		
applicant is requesting issuance of a set of plates designated as specialty plates by the Secretary of		
State to replace previously issued plates.		
H. The Secretary of State may authorize municipal agents to charge a fee not to exceed \$1 over the		
required fee for other transactions that the municipal agent carries out on behalf of the Secretary of		
State and that are not listed in this subsection.		
The municipality may retain all service fees authorized in this subsection.		
Sec. 11. 29-A MRSA §256, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 645, Pt. B, §6 and affected by §24, is amended	Allows SOS to carry out	
to read:	procedures est in rules for	
§ 256.Federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994	disclosure of personal	
The Secretary of State shall eomply withadopt routine technical rules to implement the provisions of	info contained in MV	
Title 18, United States Code, Chapter 123 in disclosing records.	records in accord w/state	·
	federal law.	
Sec. 12. 29-A MRSA §525, sub-§6, ¶B, as amended by PL 1995, c. 482, Pt. B, §13 and affected by	Clarifies that the SOS	Sections 12 thru 15 – all
§22, is further amended to read:	may authorize the display	related to IFTA.
B. A cab card must be carried in the vehicle at all times. For the purposes of this paragraph, "cab card"	of International Fuel Tax	
means identification issued or approved by the Secretary of State that contains the legal name and	Agreement (IFTA) cab	
address of the person who has established a fuel use reporting account for the vehicle. With the	card in electronic format.	
approval of the Secretary of State, the cab card may be carried and presented in an electronic format.		

Sec. 13. 29-A MRSA §525, sub-§9-A, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 688, Pt. A, §32 and affected by §33, is amended to read: 9-A. Violation. The following penalties apply to violations of this section. A. Except as provided in paragraph B, a person who violates this section commits a Class E erimetraffic infraction. B. A person who displays or causes or permits to be displayed a false decal or permit or a decal or permit issued to another person commits a Class DE crime. An owner or operator stopped for violating this section and against whom enforcement action has been taken does not commit a subsequent violation of this section involving the same vehicle until after the close of business on the next business day following the date of the violation. The court shall impose a fine of at least \$250, which may not be suspended. Violation of this section is a strict liability crime as defined in Title 17-A, section 34, subsection 4-A.	Reduces most violations of the IFTA laws from Class E crime to a traffic infraction.	Strike section 13. LD 1524, DPS omnibus bill, addressed this issue. Sec. 3 of LD 1524 decriminalized certain provisions of law regarding fuel tax licensing and reporting.
Sec. 14. 29-A MRSA §525, sub-§10, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. YYYY, §1, is further	Makes clear that a	
amended to read:	suspension issued by	
10. Suspension. If a person fails to file a fuel tax report or to pay any taxes, interest, penalties or	another IFTA jurisdiction	
audit assessment as required pursuant to Title 36, chapter 459 or any rule adopted pursuant to this	is a suspension in Maine.	
section, the Secretary of State shall suspend the person's fuel tax license, all fuel decals issued to the	,	
person and that person's privilege to operate as a motor carrier. The operation of a vehicle after suspension under this section is a traffic infraction. A suspension or revocation issued by another		
jurisdiction pursuant to the International Fuel Tax Agreement is a suspension in this State. In order to		. [
be reinstated, the person must file all delinquent tax returns and pay all assessments, interest and		
penalties. In addition, the person must pay a \$50 reinstatement fee pursuant to section 2486,		
subsection 1.	•	
Sec. 15. 29-A MRSA §525, sub-§15 is enacted to read:	Authorizes the SOS to	
15. Pilot projects. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the Secretary of State, in	participate in any pilot	
consultation with the State Tax Assessor and the Commissioner of Public Safety, may participate in a	project related to IFTA	
pilot project relative to the distribution and display of International Fuel Tax Agreement credentials	licenses and decals.	
and may modify or waive requirements for the display of fuel decals for approved licensees.		
Sec. 16. 29-A MRSA §654, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2011, c. 356, §16, is further amended to read:	Changes violation	Section 16, 17 and 19
2. Purchased from the dealer. If the application is for a vehicle purchased from a dealer, in addition	provisions. for when	relate to dealers.
to the requirement set forth in subsection 1, the application must be signed by the dealer and must	dealer fails to file a title	
contain the name and the address of any lienholder or assignee holding an interest created or reserved	app w/SOS w/in 30 days	Joint Rule 319: CRJ
at the time of sale and the date of the lien. The dealer shall, within 30 days after the sale, deliver the	from TI & fine for any	Committee review of
application to the Secretary of State. The dealer must deliver a copy of the application to the	violation to:	provisions creating or
lienholder.	a TI for apps filed more	enhancing criminal
Violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction for which a fine of not less than \$100 and not more	than 30 days to less than	penalties.
than \$500 may be adjudged for each infraction.	90 days after the sale; and	F
A. Violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction when the application is delivered to the Secretary	Class E crime for apps not filed 90 days or more	
of State more than 30 days but less than 90 days after the date of sale.  D. Windstier of this subsection is a Class E prime when the application has not been delivered to the	after the sale.	
B. Violation of this subsection is a Class E crime when the application has not been delivered to the	attel tile sale.	D5 - £ 11

Secretary of State 90 days or more after the date of sale.		
Sec. 17. 29-A MRSA §664-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 598, §29, is further amended to	Requires that vehicle	MADA opposes section 17.
read:	offered for sale by a	This section significantly
1. Vehicle sold by dealer. A vehicle that is offered for sale or sold by a dealer must be accompanied	dealer must be	changes dealerships' ability
by a properly assigned and valid certificate of title or certificate of salvage at the time of its sale. A	accompanied by a valid	to display and sell pre-
dealer may retain and process certificates of title and certificates of salvage at the dealer's primary	certificate of title.	owned vehicles.
facility if in the case when the dealer displays a vehicle at an annex facility the dealer maintains a copy		
of the certificate of title or certificate of salvage at the annex facility.		
Sec. 18. 29-A MRSA §754, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B,	See section 1.	See section 1.
§5, is amended to read:		·
1. Examination of identification numbers. A State Police officer or a motor vehicle		•
investigator detective may examine the vehicle identification numbers of a vehicle or vehicle part.		
Failure to allow the examination is a Class E crime.		
Sec. 19. 29-A MRSA §901, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B,	Raises the amounts of the	MADA NFNA comment:
§5, is amended to read:	surety bond on projected	Significantly increases the
4. Surety bonds. A dealer other than an equipment and light trailer dealer shall file with the	dealer sales.	surety bond which licensed
Secretary of State and maintain a surety bond in the following amount, based on the prior year's sales:		ME dealerships must obtain,
A. For 0 to 50 sales, \$5,000\\$25,000;		both in terms of the amount
B. For 51 to 100 sales, \$10,000\\$50,000;		of the bond as well as its
C. For 101 to 150 sales, \$15,000\$75,000; or		cost to purchase (400-500%
D. For 151 to 200 sales and over, \$20,000; or \$100,000.		higher than current levels for
E. For 201 sales and over, \$25,000.		both surety amount and
Initial licensees shall file a bond based on projected sales.		cost).
Persons beginning in the business as licensed vehicle dealers are subject to review after initial bonding		MADA supports an increase
depending on volume.		in the bond levels, given
All licensees must be reviewed annually by the Secretary of State to determine compliance with the		current values of vehicles,
correct amount of the bonds.		but concerned about
Failure to maintain such a bond is grounds for immediate suspension of the dealer license.		significant increase.
Any persons with a claim against the bond required by this subsection must file the claim within 3		
years from the date of sale.		
Sec. 20. 29-A MRSA §1002, sub-§8, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 652, Pt. B, §5 and affected by §8,	Reduces the term for a	
is amended to read:	permit to carry a load for	
B. A dealer must obtain a written permit from the Secretary of State to operate a vehicle or	vehicles weighing more	
combination of vehicles carrying a load. The permit must be issued in accordance with the following	than 10,000 pounds while	
provisions.	displaying a dealer plate	
(1) The operation of the vehicle or combination of vehicles and load must be in conjunction with the	from one year to 90 days.	
sale or purchase of a motor vehicle, vehicle or equipment by the dealer.		
(2) The load must consist of a motor vehicle, trailer or equipment that the dealer is licensed to sell.		
(3) The load may not consist of more than one automobile, truck or truck tractor at any time.		
(4) The initial fee and renewal fee for a permit issued under this paragraph are \$200 each.		
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(5) A permit expires one year 90 day's from the date of issuance and may be renewed annually.		
(6) A permit must contain the name and address of the licensed dealer, an effective date, an expiration		
date and any other information required by the Secretary of State.		·
Sec. 21. 29-A MRSA §1301, sub-§6-A, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 149, §4, is amended to read:	Prohibits disclosure of	According to BMV,
6-A. Confidentiality. Except as authorized underrequired by 18 United States Code, Section	social security numbers in	recommendation of the RTK
2721(b), the Secretary of State may not disseminate information collected under subsection 6 to any	Motor vehicle records	Advisory Committee.
entity without specific authorization from the Legislature. For every willful violation of this	except as required by	
subsection, a person commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$500 may be	federal law.	
adjudged.		·
Sec. 22. 29-A MRSA §1303, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt.	Amends the law to	
B, §5, is amended to read:	conform current testing	
A. An acceptable certificate signed by a doctor, optometrist, registered nurse or other person approved	practices for visual	
by the Secretary of State, setting forth the person's visual acuity in each eye, both eyes combined and	acuity.	
field of vision. The certificate must indicate that it is based on an examination completed within one		
year of the date of application; or		
Sec. 23. 29-A MRSA §1304, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 2005, c. 577, §19, is further amended to	Modernizes lang/provides	Sections 23 thru 26.
read:	consistency btwn statute	
C. An applicant for a motorcycle permit must complete a motorcycle driverrider education	and rules governing	
program course as required by section 1352.	motorcycle rider	
programment of the same of the	education requirements.	
Sec. 24. 29-A MRSA §1304, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 2015, c. 473, §14, is further amended to		
read:		
E. If the holder of a learner's permit fails to complete the driving test within 2 years from the date of		
issuance of a learner's permit the holder must retake the motorcycle driverrider education		
programcourse for a subsequent learner's permit to be issued.		
Sec. 25. 29-A MRSA §1352, as amended by PL 2015, c. 473, §§15 and 16, is further amended to read:		
§ 1352.Motorcycle rider education		
1. Motorcycle rider education required. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a motorcycle		
learner's permit, license or endorsement may not be issued to a person, unless that person presents a		
certificate of successful completion of a motorcycle driverrider education program course and		
examination approved by the Secretary of State.		
2. Education course. The following provisions apply to motorcycle driverrider education		
programscourses.		
A. A motorcycle driverrider education program course must consist of classroom and hands-on	,	
instruction directly related to the actual operation of motorcycles, emphasizing safety measures		
designed to ensure greater awareness of careful and skillful operation of motorcycles.		
B. The program course may be offered by a public secondary school, a private secondary school		
approved for attendance purposes by the Commissioner of Education, a career and technical education		·
center or career and technical education region or adult education program conducted under Title 20-		
A, chapter 316.		
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C. A motorcycle program course offered independently of an approved driver education course may		
not be offered for credit toward a high school diploma.		
E. The Secretary of State must approve a motorcycle driverrider education program course.		
3. Instructors. The following provisions apply to the eertification licensing of instructors.		
A. A person may not conduct a motorcycle driverrider education programcourse unless		
eertifiedlicensed by the Secretary of State as a qualified instructor.	,	
B. The Secretary of State shall:		
(1) Conduct, or authorize other qualified persons to conduct, eertification instructor preparation		
courses; and		
(2) Establish reasonable qualification standards and requirements for eertification licensing. The		
requirements must include a provision to demonstrate proficiency in operating a motorcycle.		
4. Instructor availability. When a certified licensed instructor is not available in a geographic area,		
the Secretary of State may assign a qualified instructor for the program course subject to the following		
provisions.		
A. The requesting authority must ensure a minimum class size of 6 students.		
B. The Secretary of State shall charge a program course fee comparable to other motorcycle driver rider		
education <del>programs</del> courses.		
C. An instructor is not a "teacher" within the meaning of Title 5, section 17001, subsection 42 or Title		
20-A.	: !	
5. Completion certificates. An instructor shall issue a completion certificate to a student who has	Allows a person without	
successfully completed the course.	a driver's license to	·
6. Waiver of examination. The Secretary of State may waive the required:	complete the mandatory	
A. Written examination on receipt of a completion certificate; and	basic rider education	
B. Road examination for the holder of a valid motor vehicle operator's license on receipt of a	course and be issued a	
certificate demonstrating successful completion of a novice rider course approved by the Secretary of	Maine license restricted	
State. An endorsement issued pursuant to this paragraph prohibits the holder from carrying a	to the operation of a	
passenger for a period of 60 days following the date of issuance of the endorsement.	motorcycle without a	
7. Suspension and revocation. The Secretary of State may suspend, revoke or deny a certificate of	road examination.	
completion or an instructor's eertificatelicense for just cause in accordance with the Maine		
Administrative Procedure Act.		
Sec. 26. 29-A MRSA §1353, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is	Modifies statutory	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
amended to read:	language regarding fees	
§ 1353.Motorcycle rider education fees	associated with the	
The annual fee for an instructor certification license is \$100. The annual fee for inspection of a	motorcycle rider	
motorcycle education classroom is \$50. The annual fee for inspection of a motorcycle driving range is	education program to be	
\$50.	consistent with other	
	references to rider	
	education.	
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Sec. 27. 29-A MRSA §1401, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2003, c. 434, §19 and affected by §37, is	Removes the requirement	
further amended to read:	that a driver's license	
2. Photograph or digital image. A license, except for a temporary license, must bear a full-face	bear a color photograph	
eolor photograph or digital image of the licensee. The following are exempt from the photographic or	of the licensee.	
digital image requirement:		
B. A person in active military service stationed outside the State; and		
C. Another person approved by the Secretary of State.		
Sec. 28. 29-A MRSA §1401, sub-§6, as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c. 149, §5, is amended to	Allows the SOS to adopt	
read:	rules to determine the	
6. Storage, recording, retention and distribution of digital images and digitized	authorized distribution of	
signatures. Digital images and digitized signatures used to produce a license are confidential and	digital images and	
may be distributed only for use by a law enforcement agency in carrying out its functions or as	digitized signatures.	
otherwise authorized under the provisions of 18 United States Code, Section 2721 by rule adopted		
pursuant to section 256. The Secretary of State may store, record and retain digital images and		
digitized signatures used only for the purpose of producing a license. A violation of this subsection is a		
violation of section 2103, subsection 4.		
Sec. 29. 29-A MRSA §1405, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 206, §7, is amended to	Creates an additional fee	Sections 29 and 30.
read:	for expediting the	BMV note:
3. Fee. The fee for a duplicate registration certificate is \$2. The fee for a duplicate learner's permit,	issuance of driver's	Need an amendment to
duplicate license or duplicate nondriver identification card is \$5. The fee for the expedited issuance of	licenses and nondriver	include initial issuance of
a duplicate license or nondriver identification card is an additional \$10. The reason for the expedited	identification cards and	nondriver identification card.
issuance must be provided and the Secretary of State shall determine if expedited issuance is	duplicates.	
warranted.	1	
Sec. 30. 29-A MRSA §1406-A, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:	See section 29.	See section 29.
2-A. Expedited issuance of driver's license. An applicant requesting the expedited issuance of a		
driver's license under this section must pay an additional fee of \$10 and provide the reason for the		
request. The Secretary of State shall determine if expedited issuance is warranted.		
Sec. 31. 29-A MRSA §1408, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. B, §26, is further amended	Allows a person to have	Sections 31 and 32.
to read:	and present a mobile	
1. Immediate possession required. A licensee, including a temporary licensee or holder of a	driver's license in	
learner's permit, must have the license in immediate possession when operating a motor vehicle.	electronic form if one is	
Possession may be in electronic form. For purposes of this section, "electronic form" means a digital	made available.	
representation of the information contained in a physical license or permit on a portable electronic	,	
device.		
Sec. 32. 29-A MRSA §1408, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B,	See section 31.	See section 31.
§5, is amended to read:		
2. Display. On demand of a law enforcement officer, the licensee must produce the license or an	-	
electronic version of the license for inspection. The use of a portable electronic device to provide		
license information does not constitute consent for a law enforcement officer to access other contents		
of the portable electronic device.	·	
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Sec. 33. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §5 and repealed and	See section 1.	See section 1.
replaced by c. 691, Pt. A, §30, is further amended to read:		
B. "Authorized emergency vehicle" means any one of the following vehicles:		
(1) An ambulance;		
(2) A Baxter State Park Authority vehicle operated by a Baxter State Park ranger;		
(3) A Bureau of Marine Patrol vehicle operated by a coastal warden;		
(4) A Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry vehicle operated by a forest ranger;		
(5) A Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry vehicle used for forest fire control;		
(6) A Department of Corrections vehicle used for responding to the escape of or performing the high-		
security transfer of a prisoner, juvenile client or juvenile detainee;		
(7) A Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife vehicle operated by a warden;		
(8) A Department of Public Safety vehicle operated by a police officer appointed pursuant to Title 25,		
section 2908, a state fire investigator or a Maine Drug Enforcement Agency officer;		
(9) An emergency medical service vehicle;		
(10) A fire department vehicle;		
(11) A hazardous material response vehicle, including a vehicle designed to respond to a weapon of		
mass destruction;		
(12) A railroad police vehicle;		
(13) A sheriff's department vehicle;		
(14) A State Police or municipal police department vehicle;		
(15) A vehicle operated by a chief of police, a sheriff or a deputy sheriff when authorized by the		
sheriff;		
(16) A vehicle operated by a municipal fire inspector, a municipal fire chief, an assistant or deputy		
chief or a town forest fire warden;		
(17) A vehicle operated by a qualified deputy sheriff or other qualified individual to perform court		
security-related functions and services as authorized by the State Court Administrator pursuant to Title		
4, section 17, subsection 15;		
(18) A Federal Government vehicle operated by a federal law enforcement officer;		
(19) A vehicle operated by a municipal rescue chief, deputy chief or assistant chief;		
(20) An Office of the Attorney General vehicle operated by a detective appointed pursuant to Title 5,		
section 202;		
(21) A Department of the Secretary of State vehicle operated by a motor vehicle investigator detective;		
and		
(22) A University of Maine System vehicle operated by a University of Maine System police officer.		
Sec. 34. 29-A MRSA §2303, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt.	Streamlines req in	
B, §5, is repealed.	licensing of new school	
C. Meets all training, physical, mental and moral requirements of the Commissioner of Education,	bus operators by allowing	
as certified to the Secretary of State in writing;	certain DOE training req.	
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## LD 1577 – An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

Sec. 35. 29-A MRSA §2390, sub-§1, ¶K is enacted to read:  K. A tow-away transporter combination may be operated with an overall length not exceeding 82 feet on the interstate highway system and those qualifying federal aid primary system highways designated by the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation pursuant to the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, Public Law 114-94, Section 5523 (2016).	See section 7.	Strike sections 7 and 35. LD 1524, DPS omnibus bill, already addressed this. Sec. 11 of LD 1524 "Stinger-steered auto transporter"
Sec. 36. 29-A MRSA §2451, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 329, Pt. A, §17, is amended to read:  3. Suspension period. Unless a longer period of suspension is otherwise provided by law and imposed by the court, the Secretary of State shall suspend the license of a person convicted of OUI for the following minimum periods:  A. One hundred fifty days, if the person has one OUI conviction within a 10-year period;  B. Three years, if the person has 2 OUI offenses within a 10-year period;  C. Six years, if the person has 3 OUI offenses within a 10-year period; or  E. Eight years, if the person has 4 or more OUI offenses within a 10-year period-; or  F. Ten years, if the person has a prior conviction for a Class B or Class C OUI offense pursuant to section 2411, subsection 1-A, paragraph D, subparagraph (2).  For the purposes of this subsection, a conviction or suspension has occurred within a 10-year period if the date of the new conduct is within 10 years of a date of suspension or imposition of sentence. The 10-year limitation does not apply to a prior conviction for a Class B or Class C OUI offense; the conviction may have occurred at any time.	Clarifies and makes consistent with the SOS's administrative driver's license suspension authority with court-ordered suspension authority.	
Sec. 37. 29-A MRSA §2472, sub-§2-B, as amended by PL 2013, c. 496, §16, is further amended to read:  2-B. Reexamination. The holder of a juvenile provisional license convicted of an offense listed in section 2551-A, subsection 1, paragraph A, as limited by section 2551-A, subsection 3, must successfully complete an examination pursuant to section 1301, subsection 4 as prescribed by the Secretary of State within 90 days after that license is restored. Failure to successfully complete the examination results in a subsequent suspension.	Allows the SOS to administer only the road test in conjunction with the reexamination process for a suspended juvenile provisional license and removes the requirement to provide a written examination to fulfill the restoration requirements.	Section 1301, subsection 4 requires both physical exam (i.e. road test) and written exam.

Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§80-A is enacted to read:

80-A. Tow-away transporter combination. "Tow-away transporter combination" means a combination of vehicles, with a combined gross weight not exceeding 26,000 pounds, consisting of a truck or truck and tractor and 2 trailers or semitrailers, which do not carry property and constitute inventory property of a manufacturer, distributor or dealer of such trailers or semitrailers.

#### **FAST ACT LANGUAGE-**

Section 5523 Commercial Delivery of Light- and Medium-Duty Trailers – The FAST Act amends 49 U.S.C. 31111(a), to include the term "trailer transporter towing unit," which means a power unit that is not used to carry property when operating in a towaway trailer transporter combination. "Towaway trailer transporter combination" means a combination of vehicles consisting of a trailer transporter towing unit and 2 trailers or semitrailers with a total weight that does not exceed 26,000 pounds; and in which the trailers or semitrailers carry no property and constitute inventory property of a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer of such trailers or semitrailers. A State may not prescribe or enforce a regulation of commerce that has the effect of imposing an overall length limitation of less than 82 feet on a towaway trailer transporter combination. [49 U.S.C. 31111(b)(1)(H)]



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# Tandem Trailer Deliveries Fact Sheet: Congress Enacts Federal Length Exemption



The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, approving \$305 billion in highway and transit spending and extending federal highway programs through 2020, became law on December 4, 2015 (Pub. L. 114-94). Contained in the new law is a provision that enables light-and medium-duty trailer manufacturers to deliver their products to dealers in combinations of two subject to existing size and weight limits and additional restrictions. This fact sheet provides an overview of the new law and its impact on NATM members.

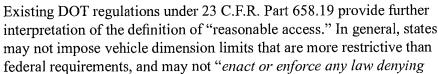
## Authorizing Tandem Trailer Combinations up to 82 Feet in Length

The FAST Act identifies a new category of "towaway trailer transporter combination" vehicles as "a combination of vehicles consisting of a [powered vehicle notcarrying property] and 2 trailers or semitrailers with a total weight that does not exceed 26,000 pounds and in which the trailers or semitrailers carry no property and constitute inventory property of a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer of such trailers or semitrailers." As revised by the FAST Act, federal law now provides that "a State may not prescribe or enforce a regulation of commerce that ... has the effect of imposing an overall length limitation of less than 82 feet" on any such towaway trailer transporter combination.

The effect of this provision is to permit tandem trailer deliveries in combinations of up to 82 feet in length, and to supersede the prior state law length limitations for such combinations that date back to the Intermodal Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 <sup>3</sup>. Tandem trailer operations must be conducted in compliance with other applicable state and federal commercial motor vehicle regulations, including any commercial drivers license (CDL) requirements.

### **Providing Access to National Highways**

The FAST Act guarantees "reasonable access" to the interstate highway system for towaway trailer transporter combinations. Specifically, it amends existing law to provide that "a State may not enact or enforce a law denying . . . reasonable access between" the interstate highway system and "terminals, facilities for food, fuel, repairs, and rest, and points of loading and unloading for . . . any towaway trailer transporter combination." <sup>4</sup> As such, towaway trailer transporter combinations are authorized for travel on certain secondary and statemaintained roads that are necessary to access interstate highways.





access within 1 road-mile from [interstate highways] using the most reasonable and practicable route available except for specific safety reasons on individual routes." <sup>5</sup> Past court decisions have held that states cannot adopt access restrictions that frustrate the congressional goal of facilitating uniform, nationwide access to the interstate highway system for commercial motor vehicles. <sup>6</sup>

#### Setting a Consistent Nationwide Standard

The FAST Act sets a consistent national standard for tandem trailer length and highway access for light- and medium-duty trailers. As the law specifically bars states from enacting or enforcing contrary length or highway access limitations, a court confronting a state law or regulation inconsistent with the FAST Act would likely find it to be preempted by the new federal statute. This has been in the case in prior judicial considerations of the preemptive effect of the statutory length and width provisions under 49 U.S. Code Chapter 311, Subchapter II and its predecessor statutes. As the court noted in *U.S. v. State of Connecticut*, "[a] long history of law has established beyond the slightest doubt that Congress has preeminent under the Commerce Clause of the Constitution . . . to pre-empt those state laws in conflict with congressional enactments." <sup>7</sup>

### **Implementation**

During the course of the coming months, NATM expects the U.S. Department of Transportation to provide guidance to state and local Departments of Transportation and law enforcement offices as to the implementation of provisions contained in the new law. States may take the opportunity to update their vehicle codes and regulations to incorporate the provisions of the new law. As implementation at the state and federal levels gets underway, NATM encourages its member companies to consult with legal counsel for guidance on compliance with the new law based on their specific situation. <sup>8</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 49 U.S.C. § 31111(a), revised pursuant to the FAST Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 49 U.S.C. § 31111(b)(1)(H), revised pursuant to the FAST Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See 49 U.S.C. § 31112(b); 23 C.F.R. Part 658.23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 49 U.S.C. § 31114(a), revised pursuant to the FAST Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 23 C.F.R. §§ 658.19(g);(d).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See, e.g., Aux Sable Liquid Products v. Murphy, 526 F.3d 1028, 1036 (7th Cir., 2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> U.S. v. State of Connecticut, 566 F.Supp.571, 574 (D. Conn., 1983).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The discussions set forth in this fact sheet are for informational purposes only. They do not take into account the qualifications, exceptions and other considerations that may be relevant to particular situations. These discussions should not be construed as legal advice, which has to be addressed to particular facts and circumstances involved in any given situation.

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## STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

TO:

Senator Ronald F. Collins, Senate Chair

Representative Andrew J. McLean, House Chair Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

FROM:

Senator Kimberley C. Rosen, Senate Chair

Representative Charlotte Warren, House Chair (6G)

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

RE:

Review of LDs 1524 and 1577

DATE:

May 26, 2017

We are writing to you in reference to LDs 1524 and 1577, which, on May 25, 2017, we reviewed and evaluated for the impact of each bill on the criminal justice system pursuant to Joint Rule 319.

As a result of that review, we submit to you the following findings.

- 1. In reference to LD 1524, An Act To Amend Maine Motor Vehicle Laws, as amended, we reviewed the proposed provision relating to the increase from a Class E to a Class D crime for operating or permitting the operation of a motor vehicle without proof of financial responsibility. We do not have any specific concerns or recommendations as a result of our review of the impact of that provision on the criminal justice system.
- 2. In reference to LD 1577, An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws, as amended, we reviewed the proposed provision relating to the changed penalty for failure of a motor vehicle dealer to file a title application with the Secretary of State. We do not have any specific concerns or recommendations as a result of our review of the impact of that provision on the criminal justice system.

Please do not hesitate to contact our committee analyst, Dan Tartakoff, at 287-1670, should you have any questions about our recommendations.

cc. Members, Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety Members, Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

This amendment strikes the provision in the bill that reduces most violations of the International Fuel Tax Agreement laws from a Class E crime to a traffic infraction. The amendment also strikes the requirement that a vehicle offered for sale by a motor vehicle dealer must be accompanied by a valid certificate of title.

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The bill creates an additional fee for expediting the issuance of driver's licenses and for expediting duplicates of driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards. The amendment also creates an additional fee for expediting the issuance of nondriver identification cards.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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## 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1577

LR 675(02)

### An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "
Committee: Transportation
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

## **Fiscal Note**

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings) Highway Fund	(\$112,500)	(\$150,000)	(\$150,000)	(\$150,000)
Revenue Highway Fund	\$112,500	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000

## Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill establishes a \$10 fee for the expedited issuance of a duplicate driver's license and nondriver identification card and would result in an increase in Highway Fund revenue of \$112,500 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2018-19. This analysis is based upon the average number of duplicate driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards issued over the last three years.

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## THE COMMITTEE ON Transportation

to which was referred the following: An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws L.D. 1577 H.P. 1084 has had the same under consideration, and asks leave to report that the same OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " of Gorham (Signature) REP. MCLEAN For the Committee

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