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### **Bridges**

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| LD 1788 | Resolve, To Rename Bridges in the Town of Milo for Veterans Who Died during the Vietnam War   | RESOLVE 127 |
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#### **Enacted**

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#### **Not Enacted**

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| LD 284 | Resolve, To Study Maine's Motor Vehicle Inspection Program | ONTP |
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### **Marine Transportation**

#### **Enacted**

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| LD 1796 | An Act To Coordinate Marine Port Development | PUBLIC 555 |
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### **Miscellaneous**

#### **Enacted**

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### **Public Safety**

#### **Enacted**

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| LD 1990 | An Act Allowing Electric-powered School Buses To Have Distinctively Colored Bumpers, Wheels and Rub Rails and Allowing Public Service Vehicles To Be Equipped with a Flashing Green Auxiliary Light | PUBLIC 582 |
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## **Registration Plates**

**Enacted**

LD 1762 An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Expiration of Disability Plates and Placards and Fees for Recycler Licenses PUBLIC 533

**Not  
Enacted**

LD 1833 Resolve, To Exempt Specialty or Recognition Registration Plates Already in the Process of Being Created from the Moratorium on the Approval of New Motor Vehicle Registration Plates ONTP

## **Roads**

**Not  
Enacted**

LD 410 An Act To Provide Funding for the Reconstruction of Route 161 from Fort Kent to Caribou ONTP

## **School Buses**

**Enacted**

LD 1990 An Act Allowing Electric-powered School Buses To Have Distinctively Colored Bumpers, Wheels and Rub Rails and Allowing Public Service Vehicles To Be Equipped with a Flashing Green Auxiliary Light PUBLIC 582

## **Secretary of State**

**Enacted**

LD 796 An Act Governing the Sale, Purchase, Removal, Transport and Disposal of Catalytic Converters Removed from Motor Vehicles, Governing Scrap Metal Processors and Creating the Motor Vehicle Services Fund PUBLIC 660

LD 1762 An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Expiration of Disability Plates and Placards and Fees for Recycler Licenses PUBLIC 533

LD 1843 An Act To Allow the Secretary of State To Use an Electronic Lien Titling Program for the Purposes of the Maine Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title and Antitheft Act PUBLIC 539

**Not  
Enacted**

LD 899 An Act To Protect Privacy and Security at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles ONTP

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## **Traffic Regulations**

**Enacted**

LD 1990 An Act Allowing Electric-powered School Buses To Have Distinctively Colored Bumpers, Wheels and Rub Rails and Allowing Public Service Vehicles To Be Equipped with a Flashing Green Auxiliary Light PUBLIC 582

## **Transportation**

**Transportation Department**

**Enacted**

LD 1796	An Act To Coordinate Marine Port Development	PUBLIC 555
LD 1851	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Traffic Movement Permits, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Transportation	RESOLVE 125

**Turnpike Authority**

**Enacted**

LD 1892	An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2023	P & S 17
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### Transportation (TRA)

Comm	LD	Title	Comm	Action	Carried Over from Prior Year?	Date of Last Comm Action	Final Disposition	Enacted Law		Analyst Note?
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TRA	284	Resolve, To Study Maine's Motor Vehicle Inspection Program	Reported Out	ONTP	Carried Over	3/29/22	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TRA	410	An Act To Provide Funding for the Reconstruction of Route 161 from Fort Kent to Caribou	Reported Out	ONTP	Carried Over In Comm	2/16/22	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TRA	796	An Act Governing the Sale, Purchase, Removal, Transport and Disposal of Catalytic Converters Removed from Motor Vehicles, Governing Scrap Metal Processors and Creating the Motor Vehicle Services Fund	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried Over In Comm	4/11/22	Enacted	PL	660	
TRA	899	An Act To Protect Privacy and Security at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles	Reported Out	ONTP	Carried Over In Comm	1/26/22	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TRA	1749	An Act To Change the Requirements for the Sales of Used Catalytic Converters	Reported Out	ONTP		2/2/22	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TRA	1762	An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Expiration of Disability Plates and Placards and Fees for Recycler Licenses	Reported Out	OTP		3/3/22	Enacted	PL	533	
TRA	1766	An Act To Remove Watson's Bridge in the Town of Littleton from the List of Historic Bridges for Which the State Is Responsible for Maintenance and Rehabilitation	Reported Out	OTP		1/25/22	Enacted	PL	494	
TRA	1788	Resolve, To Rename Bridges in the Town of Milo for Veterans Who Died during the Vietnam War	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		2/1/22	Finally Passed	RESLV	127	
TRA	1796	An Act To Coordinate Marine Port Development	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/21/22	Enacted	PL	555	

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TRA	1833	Resolve, To Exempt Specialty or Recognition Registration Plates Already in the Process of Being Created from the Moratorium on the Approval of New Motor Vehicle Registration Plates	Reported Out	ONTP		2/16/22	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
TRA	1839	Resolve, To Name a Bridge in the Town of Unity the Alton "Mac" McCormick Memorial Bridge	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		2/1/22	Finally Passed	RESLV	128	
TRA	1843	An Act To Allow the Secretary of State To Use an Electronic Lien Titling Program for the Purposes of the Maine Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title and Antitheft Act	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/7/22	Enacted	PL	539	
TRA	1851	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Traffic Movement Permits, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Transportation	Reported Out	OTP		1/25/22	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	125	
TRA	1876	An Act Regarding Abandoned Motor Vehicle Storage Fees and Lienholder Notification	Reported Out	OTP-AM		2/15/22	Enacted	PL	515	
TRA	1892	An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2023	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/7/22	Enacted	P&SL	17	
TRA	1912	Resolve, To Rename 3 Bridges in Brownville and Brownville Junction	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		2/1/22	Finally Passed	RESLV	131	
TRA	1990	An Act Allowing Electric-powered School Buses To Have Distinctively Colored Bumpers, Wheels and Rub Rails and Allowing Public Service Vehicles To Be Equipped with a Flashing Green Auxiliary Light	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/24/22	Enacted	PL	582	
TRA	1996	An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/4/22	Emergency Enacted	PL	597	

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

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 660 does the following.

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

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

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

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

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

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

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

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

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

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

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

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

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

### **LD 1796 An Act To Coordinate Marine Port Development**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

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

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



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4. It requires the Maine Port Authority to hire an executive director and authorizes the executive director to hire certain other employees.
5. It requires the Maine Port Authority to submit an annual report to the Legislature.
6. It requires the Maine Port Authority to submit certain fiscal matters to the Department of Transportation for approval.

### **LD 1839 Resolve, To Name a Bridge in the Town of Unity the Alton “Mac” McCormick Memorial Bridge**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 128 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 5228 on U.S. Route 202 and State Route 9 in the Town of Unity the Alton “Mac” McCormick Memorial Bridge.

### **LD 1843 An Act To Allow the Secretary of State To Use an Electronic Lien Titling Program for the Purposes of the Maine Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title and Antitheft Act**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 539 does the following.

1. It defines the term “electronic lien titling program” under the Maine Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title and Antitheft Act.
2. It allows the Secretary of State to use an electronic lien titling program for the purposes of that Act but specifies that the Secretary of State may not require a person to use of the electronic lien titling program.
3. It clarifies that provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, chapter 7 that require the mail, delivery or surrender of a certificate of title may be satisfied by using an electronic lien titling program.
4. It requires a lienholder using an electronic lien titling program to use the program to notify the Secretary of State when a lien is released or updated.
5. It allows a lienholder using an electronic lien titling program to request a paper copy of a certificate of title.

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6. It requires the Secretary of State to evaluate the needs of the Department of the Secretary of State in implementing an electronic lien titling program and conduct a review of any relevant provisions of law that may need to be updated in order to properly implement such a program. The Secretary of State must report findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters no later than January 1, 2023.

### **LD 1851 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Traffic Movement Permits, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Transportation**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 125 approves portions of Chapter 305: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Traffic Movement Permits, a major substantive rule of the Department of Transportation.

Resolve 2021, chapter 125 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective February 17, 2022.

### **LD 1876 An Act Regarding Abandoned Motor Vehicle Storage Fees and Lienholder Notification**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 515 requires that the owner of the premises where a vehicle has been stored after having been abandoned at a place of business after being repaired or after having been abandoned at a storage facility, or the owner's agent, must determine if there is a lienholder on the title of the vehicle and notify that lienholder of any unpaid charges for authorized repair or for storage and any related towing expenses within 14 days of those charges being accrued.

### **LD 1892 An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2023**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 17 makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2023 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

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### **LD 1912 Resolve, To Rename 3 Bridges in Brownville and Brownville Junction**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 131 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 923 over the Pleasant River in the Town of Brownville the Stanley Smith Larson Memorial Bridge, Bridge 3222 over the Pleasant River in Brownville Junction in the Town of Brownville the Edward Fredonia Stone Memorial Bridge and Bridge 3355 over the East Branch Pleasant River in the Town of Brownville the Elden Howard Cail Memorial Bridge.

### **LD 1990 An Act Allowing Electric-powered School Buses To Have Distinctively Colored Bumpers, Wheels and Rub Rails and Allowing Public Service Vehicles To Be Equipped with a Flashing Green Auxiliary Light**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 582 amends the laws governing school bus identifiers to allow electric-powered school buses to have bumpers, rub rails and wheels in the colors originally painted by the original manufacturer and allows all school buses to display lettering from the original manufacturer and to have wheels and rub rails that are painted glossy black. The law also allows a flashing green auxiliary light to be mounted on top of a public service vehicle.

### **LD 1996 An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 597 makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund and other funds for the expenditures of State Government necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023.