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## TRANSPORTATION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1026, L.D. 1568, “An Act to Allow the Use of a Siren in a Vehicle Used by a Harbor Master or Deputy Harbor Master”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 319, §1 and c. 397, §25, is further amended by amending subparagraph (22) to read:

(22) A University of Maine System vehicle operated by a University of Maine System police officer; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 319, §1 and c. 397, §25, is further amended by amending subparagraph (23) to read:

(23) A life support transport vehicle when parked on a Department of Transportation ferry vessel and being used to transport a person who requires constant medical support to survive; and

**Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 319, §1 and c. 397, §25, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (24) to read:

(24) A municipal vehicle operated by a harbor master appointed by a municipal officer pursuant to Title 38, section 1 or a deputy harbor master appointed pursuant to Title 38, section 2.

**Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§2, ¶F,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 131, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) A municipality may authorize a harbor master or deputy harbor master appointed under Title 38, section 1 or 2, respectively, to use one red or combination red and white flashing auxiliary light mounted in the windshield or on the dashboard at the front of a vehicle or 2 flashing red or combination red and white auxiliary lights mounted on the front of the vehicle above the front bumper and below the hood and one red auxiliary light mounted in the rear window area. The

1 light or lights may be displayed but may be used only while the harbor master or  
2 deputy harbor master is responding to a watercraft emergency. A light mounted  
3 on the dashboard or in the windshield must be shielded so that the emitted light  
4 does not interfere with the operator's vision. The authorization for the use of lights  
5 or a siren may be revoked at any time by the municipality.

6 A vehicle described in this subparagraph may be operated only when exercising  
7 emergency privileges by a person who has completed an emergency vehicle  
8 operation course provided by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State  
9 Police. A municipality may authorize an authorized emergency vehicle owned by  
10 a municipality and operated by a harbor master or deputy harbor master as  
11 described in subsection 1, paragraph B, subparagraph (24) to be equipped with a  
12 siren in addition to authorized lights pursuant to this subparagraph.'

13 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
14 number to read consecutively.

### 15 SUMMARY

16 This amendment replaces the bill but retains the emergency preamble and emergency  
17 clause. The amendment adds a municipal vehicle operated by a harbor master or deputy  
18 harbor master to the list of authorized emergency vehicles. The amendment also requires a  
19 municipality to require a person appointed or reappointed as a harbor master or deputy  
20 harbor master to have completed an emergency vehicle operation course provided by the  
21 Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police if operating a vehicle while exercising  
22 emergency privileges.

### 23 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

24 (See attached)