STATE CONTROLLER'S BULLETIN



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SUBJECT: IRS Reporting Requirements for the Use of State Vehicles for Commuting

DATE: October 22, 2024

TO: All Department and Agency Finance Officers

FROM: Doug Cotnoir, State Controller

In accordance with the Revenue Act of 1978, the Internal Revenue Service requires employees who use state vehicles for commuting to maintain records of their commutes for tax reporting purposes.

Departments, Agencies, Boards, and Commissions having one or more State vehicles must submit a **REPORT A**, **REPORT B**, or **REPORT C**, as described in this bulletin.

DEADLINES

Employees should submit reports <u>as soon as possible</u>. However, reports should be submitted to the Office of the State Controller (OSC) no later than the following:

REPORT A: November 30, 2024
REPORTS B and C: November 1, 2024

The earlier forms are submitted, the more likely that income tax will be distributed among pay periods remaining in 2024.

REPORT A should be submitted by employees who are certifying that they did NOT use a non-exempt State vehicle for commuting.

REPORT B should be submitted by employees who DID use a non-exempt State vehicle for commuting and whose income will be under \$180,000 in calendar/tax year 2024.

REPORT C should be submitted by employees who DID use a non-exempt State vehicle for commuting and are an elected official and/or whose income will be equal to or greater than \$180,000 in calendar/tax year 2024.

Exempt vehicles are described in the QUALIFIED NONPERSONAL USE VEHICLE EXCEPTION section of this bulletin.

The Controller's Office has made a single online form available at the link below that will take the place of REPORTS A and B used in previous years.

Link to the on-line form for REPORTS A and B:

https://forms.office.com/g/QWU59tZbwk

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Phone: (207)626-8420 Fax: (207)626-8422 <u>Use of the online form is required</u> for employees submitting a REPORT A or REPORT B to the Controller's Office. However, the Controller's Office has made Microsoft Word versions of forms available for internal use by individual departments or for rare circumstances when an employee may not be able to submit a report electronically.

The online form does not require the approval of a supervisor and <u>a form may be submitted on behalf of another employee</u> who may not have access to a state issued computer or device. Whenever possible, employees should submit a form for themselves. The link above may be shared with other state employees. Security settings limit access to the form to State employees. But, please do not share the link with non-state employees.

REPORT C for "Control Employees" can be found at the end of this bulletin; and is also posted at: https://www.maine.gov/osc/payroll/irs-vehicle-reporting

The 2024 tax reporting period is November 1, 2023, through October 31, 2024.

<u>Note</u>: Rented Vehicle Billing Data and Leased Billing Data reports from Central Fleet Management covering the period of November 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, are posted on the Controller' web site at https://www.maine.gov/osc/payroll/irs-vehicle-reporting.. These reports are made available to assist in identifying individuals that should be contacted to report on their use of state vehicles for commuting.

Reminders:

Agencies/drivers must report any usage for the month of October in their totals for the 2024 tax year.

Central Fleet Management does not track all vehicle usage. Agencies that are not required to report usage to Central Fleet will not appear on the list but are still required to comply with IRS rules posted in this bulletin.

Please do not contact Central Fleet for this information directly. Questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to <u>james.o.riordan@maine.gov</u> or <u>jeremy.n.davis@maine.gov</u> or <u>renee.d.carrier@maine.gov</u> at the Office of the State Controller.

REPORT A - 100% Business Use

Please use the online form at: https://forms.office.com/g/QWU59tZbwk

Submit **REPORT A** if your employees use State vehicles for business purposes only and no commuting is involved. The IRS gives an example of de minimis use as "a stop for a personal errand on the way between a business delivery and the employee's home.

If the online form is not available, please submit a PDF copy of REPORT A to: <u>james.o.riordan@maine.gov</u> and cc: <u>jeremy.n.davis@maine.gov</u> and <u>renee.d.carrier@maine.gov</u>

In the event that all other electronic means are not available, submit hardcopies to the Office of the State Controller, SHS#14, Attn: James Riordan.

REPORT B – Business and Commuting Only by non-elected officials or employees earning less than \$180,000

Please use the online form at: https://forms.office.com/g/QWU59tZbwk

Submit **REPORT B** if your employees use State vehicles for commuting purposes. Your report to the OSC should identify each employee who has received the commuting fringe benefit and the total dollar value for the 2024 tax reporting period [November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024].

Employees who use a State vehicle, which includes commuting to and/or from work, will have a fringe benefit value of \$3.00 per day (\$1.50 each way) added to their gross income as reported on their W-2 form, unless the vehicle is defined as a "qualified non-personal vehicle," as described the QUALIFIED NONPERSONAL USE VEHICLE EXCEPTION section of this bulletin.

If more than one State employee commutes in the same vehicle, the \$3.00 per day (\$1.50 each way) fringe benefit value will be added to each employee's gross income, i.e., each employee must submit a Report B.

Whether a vehicle is assigned to an individual or an agency, each employee meeting the commuting rule must submit a **REPORT B**.

If the online form is not available, please submit a PDF copy of REPORT B to: <u>james.o.riordan@maine.gov</u> and cc: <u>jeremy.n.davis@maine.gov</u> and renee.d.carrier@maine.gov

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REPORT C – Elected Officials or Employees Whose Compensation is equal to or exceeds \$180,000.

Submit Report C (at the end of this bulletin) if your employee is defined as a "control" employee.

A control employee for a government employer for 2024 is either of the following.

- A government employee whose compensation is equal to or exceeds Federal Government Executive Level V. The 2024 compensation amount for Level V is \$180,000.
- An elected official.

Control employees are not allowed to use the Commuting Valuation rule. Control employees must report and pay income taxes on the commuting portion of the annual lease value of their State vehicle, plus 5.5 cents per mile or the actual cost of gasoline provided by the State (see page 2 of Report C, *Annual Lease Value Table*).

Example: For a control employee with a \$10,000 State vehicle, driven 24,000 miles, of which 6,000 miles is on State business and 18,000 miles is commuting, the taxable income is:

Annual Lease Value (ALV) for \$10,000 car = \$3,100 Commuting Use % (18,000 ÷ 24,000) = 75%

Annual Lease Value	(\$3,100 * 75%)	\$2,325
Gasoline at 5.5 cents	(18,000 * 5.5¢)	990
2022 Increased Taxable In	come	<u>\$3,315</u>

The Fair Market Value (FMV) is the FMV on January 1 of that year unless the special accounting rule is used, in which case the valuation date is November 1 of the prior year.

Employees should make the necessary changes in their own withholding taxes because the State has elected the "notification method" of withholding.

Please submit a PDF copy of REPORT C to: $\underline{james.o.riordan@maine.gov}$ and cc: $\underline{jeremy.n.davis@maine.gov}$ and $\underline{renee.d.carrier@maine.gov}$

In the event that electronic means are not available, submit hardcopies to the Office of the State Controller, SHS#14, Attn: James Riordan.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ONLINE REPORTS TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER

The online survey (link below) using Microsoft Forms should be used to submit **REPORTS A** and **B**.

https://forms.office.com/g/QWU59tZbwk

To assist in the completion of the form, employees may find their vehicle use information in the Rented Vehicle Billing Data and Leased Vehicle Billing Data reports listed on the Controller's site at: https://www.maine.gov/osc/payroll/irs-vehicle-reporting

Vehicle Billing Data and Leased Vehicle Billing Data reports assist employees in identifying vehicles rented and/or leased in their name. However, if an employee's name is not listed on the either of the billing data reports that does not mean the employee is exempt from completing a form. Remember, whether a vehicle is assigned specifically to an individual or an agency, each employee who receives the benefit of the use of a state vehicle for commuting (including passengers) must submit a Report B. This means, for example, that if one employee picks up two passengers at their homes on the way to work and drops them off on the way home, then all three employees must report the taxable benefit.

Please make a best attempt at entering the vehicle identification information into the form. Note that license plate numbers are no longer listed on the billing data reports. Rather vehicle "unit numbers" are used.

If you don't know your TAMSID (timesheet id) and or HR Company code, please ask a supervisor, HR contact, or contact james.o.riordan@maine.gov or jeremy.n.davis@maine.gov or jeremy.n.davis@mainesov or <a href="mai

After clicking on the Submit button at the end of the online form, you'll receive a confirmation e-mail from **Microsoft Power Apps and Power Automatemicrosoft@powerapps.com** containing the details of your submission. Staff at the Controller's Office will also receive copies.

COMPLIANCE

Departments, Agencies, Boards and Commissions who fail to comply with the provisions of this Controller's Bulletin by the deadlines specified above will be responsible for any resulting delays in issuing 2024 W-2 forms for their employees and any potential fines assessed by the IRS. The IRS may fine the employer \$50.00 for each employee W-2 form not issued by January 31, 2025.

If you have any questions concerning this policy, please feel free to contact James Riordan, at the Controller's Office at 626-8918; or, email <u>james.o.riordan@maine.gov</u> or <u>jeremy.n.davis@maine.gov</u> or renee.d.carrier@maine.gov

Please review the examples in the QUALIFIED NONPERSONAL USE VEHICLE EXCEPTION section to determine if the use of a vehicle includes an exception from claiming a commuting use benefit. All questions as to whether the employee meets the Qualified Nonpersonal Use Vehicle Exception criteria should be directed to the Office of the State Controller only.

Departments must maintain records to support the information provided in response to this bulletin. For commuting use of the State vehicle, the following information is required:

- Name of employees that use each vehicle
- Where the vehicle is stored during non-work hours
- Written agreements or policy on use of the vehicle including restriction on use
- Mileage logs
- Reports A, B, and/or C signed by employees

QUALIFIED NONPERSONAL USE VEHICLE EXCEPTION

A State employee who falls under the Qualified Nonpersonal Use Vehicle¹ Exception will not have a fringe benefit value of \$3.00 per day (\$1.50 each way) added to their gross income as reported on their W-2 form. All of an employee's use of a qualified nonpersonal use vehicle is a working condition benefit. A qualified nonpersonal use vehicle is any vehicle the employee is not likely to use more than minimally for personal purposes because of its design. Qualified nonpersonal use vehicles generally include:

Definitions:

<u>Law enforcement officer</u>: An individual who is employed on a full-time basis by a governmental unit that is responsible for the prevention or investigation of crime involving injury to persons or property (including apprehension or detention of persons for such crimes), who is authorized by law to carry firearms, execute search warrants, and to make arrests (other than a citizen's arrest), and who regularly carries firearms (except when it is not possible to do so because of the requirements of undercover work).

The term "law enforcement officer" may include an arson investigator if the investigator otherwise meets the requirements of this paragraph, but does not include Internal Revenue Service special agents.

Public safety officer: An individual who is part of a rescue squad or ambulance crew whose members are rescue workers, ambulance drivers, paramedics, health-care responders, emergency medical technicians or other similar workers. Qualified individuals must be trained in rescue activity or the provision of emergency medical services and have the legal authority and responsibility to engage in rescue activity or provide emergency medical services. Rescue activity means search or rescue assistance in locating or extracting from danger persons lost, missing, or in immident danger of serious bodily harm. Emergency medical services means provision of first-response emergency medical care (other than in a permanent medical care-facility) or transporation of persons in medical distress (or under emergency conditions) to medical care facilities.

1. CLEARLY MARKED POLICE, FIRE OR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER VEHICLES

A police, public safety officer or fire vehicle is a vehicle, owned or leased by a governmental unit, or any agency or instrumentality whereof, that is required to be used for commuting by a police officer, public safety officer or fire fighter who, when not on a regular shift, is on call at all times, provided that any personal use (other than commuting) of the vehicle outside the limit of the police officer's arrest powers or firefighter's obligation to respond to an emergency is prohibited by such governmental unit. A police, fire, or public safety officer vehicle is clearly marked if, through painted insignia or words, it is readily apparent that the vehicle is a police, fire, or public safety officer vehicle. A marking on a license plate is not a clear marking for purposes of 26 CFR 1.274-5.

2. <u>UNMARKED LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES</u>

In general, the substantiation requirements of 26 CFR 1.274-5 do not apply to officially authorized uses of an unmarked vehicle by a "law enforcement officer". To qualify for this exception, any personal use must be authorized by the Federal, State, county or local government agency or department that owns or leases the vehicle and employs the officer, and must be incident to law-enforcement functions, such as being able to report directly from home to a stakeout or surveillance site, or to an emergency situation. Use of an unmarked vehicle for vacation or recreation trips cannot qualify as an authorized use.

- 3. An ambulance or hearse used for its specific purpose.
- 4. Any vehicle designed to carry cargo with a loaded gross vehicle weight over 14,000 pounds.
- 5. Delivery trucks with seating for the driver only, or the driver plus a folding jump seat.
- 6. A passenger bus with a capacity of at least 20 passengers used for its specific purpose.
- 7. School buses.

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¹ CFR Title 26 Qualified nonpersonal use vehicle— (i) In general. For purposes of section 274(d) and this section, the term qualified nonpersonal use vehicle means any vehicle which, by reason of its nature (that is, design), is not likely to be used more than a de minimis amount for personal purposes.

- 8. Tractors and other special-purpose farm vehicles.
- 9. Bucket truck, cement mixers, combines, cranes and derricks, dump trucks (including garbage trucks), flatbed trucks, forklifts, qualified moving vans, qualified specialized utility repair trucks, and refrigerated trucks.

10. SPECIALIZED UTILITY REPAIR TRUCK

The term qualified specialized utility repair truck means any truck (not including a van or pickup truck) specifically designed and used to carry heavy tools, testing equipment, or parts if

- The shelves, racks, or other permanent interior construction which has been installed to carry and store such heavy items is such that it is unlikely that the truck will be used more than a de minimis amount for personal purposes; and
- The employer requires the employee to drive the truck home in order to be able to respond in emergency situations for purposes of restoring or maintaining electricity, gas, telephone, water, sewer, or steam utility services.

11. PICKUP TRUCKS

A pickup truck with a loaded gross vehicle weight of 14,000 pounds or less is a qualified nonpersonal use vehicle if it has been specially modified so it is not likely to be used more than minimally for personal purposes. For example, a pickup truck qualifies if it is clearly marked with permanently affixed decals, special painting, or other advertising associated with your trade, business, or function and meets either of the following requirements:

- 1) It is equipped with at least one of the following items.
 - a) A hydraulic lift gate.
 - b) Permanent tanks or drums.
 - c) Permanent side boards or panels that materially raise the level of the sides of the truck bed.
 - d) Other heavy equipment (such as an electric generator, welder, boom, or crane used to tow automobiles and other vehicles).
- 2) It is used primarily to transport a particular type of load (other than over the public highways) in a construction, manufacturing, processing, farming, mining, drilling, timbering, or other similar operation for which it was specially designed or significantly modified.

12. VANS

A van with a loaded gross vehicle weight of 14,000 pounds or less is a qualified nonpersonal use vehicle if it has been specially modified so it is not likely to be used more than minimally for personal purposes. For example, a van qualifies if it is clearly marked with permanently affixed decals, special painting, or other advertising associated with your trade, business, or function and has a seat for the driver only (or the driver and one other person) and either of the following items:

- Permanent shelving that fills most of the cargo area.
- An open cargo area and the van always carries merchandise, material, or equipment used in your trade, business, or function.

QUALIFIED NONPERSONAL USE VEHICLE EXCEPTION - EXAMPLES

The following examples illustrate qualified nonpersonal use vehicle exceptions as quoted directly from 26 CFR §1.274-5 paragraph (k) (3) and (6).

EXAMPLE 1

Detective C, who is a "law enforcement officer" employed by a state police department, headquartered in City M, is provided with an unmarked vehicle (equipped with radio communication) for use during off-duty hours because C must be able to communicate with headquarters and be available for duty at any time (for example, to report to a surveillance or crime site). The police department generally has officially authorized personal use of the vehicle by C but has prohibited use of the vehicle for recreational purposes or for personal purposes outside the state. Thus, C's use of the vehicle for commuting between headquarters or a surveillance site and home and for personal errands is authorized personal use as described in paragraph (k)(6)(i) of this section. With respect to these authorized uses the vehicle is not subject to the substantiation requirements of section 274(d) and the value of these uses is **not included** in C's gross income.

EXAMPLE 2

Detective T is a "law enforcement officer" employed by City M. T is authorized to make arrests only within M's city limits. T, along with all other officers of the force, is ordinarily on duty for eight hours each work day and on call during the other sixteen hours. T is provided with the use of a clearly marked police vehicle in which T is required to commute to his home in City M. The police department's official policy regarding marked police vehicles prohibits its personal use (other than commuting) of the vehicles outside the city limits. When not using the vehicle on the job, T uses the vehicle only for commuting, personal errands on the way between work and home, and personal errands within City M. All use of the vehicle by T conforms to the requirements of paragraph (k) (3) of this section. Therefore, the value of that use is excluded from T's gross income as a working condition fringe and the vehicle is not subject to the substantiation requirements of section 274(d).

EXAMPLE 3

Director C is employed by City M as the director of the City's rescue squad and is provided with a vehicle for use in responding to emergencies. Director C is trained in rescue activity and has the legal authority and legal responsibility to engage in rescue activity. The city's rescue squad is not a part of City M's police or fire departments. The director's vehicle is a sedan which is painted with insignia and words identifying the vehicle as being owned by the City's rescue squad. C, when not on a regular shift, is on call at all times. The City's official policy regarding clearly marked public safety officer vehicles prohibits personal use (other than for commuting) of the vehicle outside of the limits of the public safety officer's obligation to respond to an emergency. When not using the vehicle to respond to emergencies, City M authorizes C to use the vehicle only for commuting, personal errands on the way between work and home, and personal errands within the limits of C's obligation to respond to emergencies. With respect to these authorized uses, the vehicle is not subject to the substantiation requirements of section 274(d) and the value of these uses is not includable in C's gross income.

EXAMPLE 4

Coroner D is employed by County N to investigate and determine the cause, time, and manner of certain deaths occurring in the County. Coroner D also safeguards the property of the deceased, notifies the next of kin, conducts inquests, and arranges for the burial of indigent persons. D is provided with a vehicle for use by County N. The vehicle is to be used in County N business and for commuting. Personal use other than for commuting purposes is forbidden. D is trained in rescue activity but has no legal authority or legal responsibility to engage in rescue activity. D's vehicle is a sedan which is painted with insignia and words identifying it as a County N vehicle. D, when not on a regular shift, is on call at all times. D does not satisfy the criteria of a public safety officer under 28 CFR 32.3 (2008). Thus, D's vehicle cannot qualify as a clearly marked public safety officer vehicle. Accordingly, business use of the vehicle is subject to the substantiation requirements of section 274(d), and the value of any personal use of the vehicle, such as commuting, is includable in D's gross income.

REPORT A

"BUSINESS PURPOSES ONLY" USE OF STATE OF MAINE VEHICLES (No Personal Use)

Department:		
Agency/Division:		
Vehicle Year, Make, Model and Unit Number:		
Employee's Name:		
Date(s) of Use:		
I understand that the vehicle is assigned for State business purpose de minimis use.	es only and has not been use	d for personal purposes other than
This is to satisfy substantiation record requirements in accordance v	vith 26 CFR 1.274-5.	
Employee's Signature:	Date:	
Supervisor's Signature:	Date:	

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REPORT B

"BUSINESS COMMUTE PURPOSE ONLY" USE OF STATE OF MAINE VEHICLES (Commuting Use Allowed)

Government employees earning \$180,000 or more in 2024 or elected officials must file Report C.

Department:	
Agency/Division:	
Vehicle Year, Make, Model and Unit Number:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Employee's Name:	
*TAMS User ID:	_ (Leave blank if not known. Do not enter SSN)
Number of Days Vehicle is used to commuteX \$3.00 =_	(Do not report \$0.00, complete Report A.)
This information is to satisfy substantiation record requirements in a	accordance with 26 CFR 1.274-5.
Employee's Signature:	Date:
Supervisor's Signature:	Date:

Preferably, **PDF copies** of this form should be e-mailed to <u>james.o.riordan@maine.gov</u> and cc: <u>jeremy.n.davis@maine.gov</u> or <u>renee.d.carrier@maine.gov</u>

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REPORT C

"CONTROL EMPLOYEES" (Government Employees Earning \$180,000 or More in 2024 or Elected Officials - All other use Report B) USE OF STATE OF MAINE VEHICLES (Commuting Use Allowed)

Department:			 	 	 		
Agency/Division:						<u>-</u>	
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ANNUAL LEASE VALUE TABLE²

Automobile Fair Market Value	Annual Lease Value	Automobile Fair Market Value	Annual Lease Value
\$ 0 - 999	\$600	\$22,000 - 22,999	\$6,100
\$1,000 - 1,999	\$850	\$23,000 - 23,999	\$6,350
\$2,000 - 2,999	\$1,100	\$24,000 - 24,999	\$6,600
\$3,000 - 3,999	\$1,350	\$25,000 - 25,999	\$6,850
\$4,000 - 4,999	\$1,600	\$26,000 - 27,999	\$7,250
\$5,000 - 5,999	\$1,850	\$28,000 - 29,999	\$7,750
\$6,000 - 6,999	\$2,100	\$30,000 - 31,999	\$8,250
\$7,000 - 7,999	\$2,350	\$32,000 - 33,999	\$8,750
\$8,000 - 8,999	\$2,600	\$34,000 - 35,999	\$9,250
\$9,000 - 9,999	\$2,850	\$36,000 - 37,999	\$9,750
\$10,000 - 10,999	\$3,100	\$38,000 - 39,999	\$10,250
\$11,000 - 11,999	\$3,350	\$40,000 - 41,999	\$10,750
\$12,000 - 12,999	\$3,600	\$42,000 - 43,999	\$11,250
\$13,000 - 13,999	\$3,850	\$44,000 - 45,999	\$11,750
\$14,000 - 14,999	\$4,100	\$46,000 - 47,999	\$12,250
\$15,000 - 15,999	\$4,350	\$48,000 - 49,999	\$12,750
\$16,000 - 16,999	\$4,600	\$50,000 - 51,999	\$13,250
\$17,000 - 17,999	\$4,850	\$52,000 - 53,999	\$13,750
\$18,000 - 18,999	\$5,100	\$54,000 - 55,999	\$14,250
\$19,000 - 19,999	\$5,350	\$56,000 - 57,999	\$14,750
\$20,000 - 20,999	\$5,600	\$58,000 - 59,999*	\$15,250*
\$21,000 - 21,999	\$5,850		

^{*} For automobiles with a fair market value of more than \$59,999, the annual lease value equals: (.25 x the fair market value of the automobile) + \$500.

² IRS Publication 15-B (2024)

SOURCES

26 CFR 1.274-5 - Substantiation requirements https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-26/section-1.274-5

IRS Publication 15-B https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p15b.pdf

Federal Government "Rates of Pay for the Executive" Schedule: https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2024/EX.pdf

State of Maine law regarding the use of state-owned for commuting: http://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/5/title5sec7-B.html

5 MRSA §7-B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 293, Pt. C, §3

§7-B. Use of state vehicles for commuting

Not withstanding section 7-A, a state-owned or state-leased vehicle may not be used by any employee to commute between home and work, except for those vehicles authorized and assigned to employees of the Baxter State Park Authority and of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Military Bureau as designated by the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management Agency within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and to law enforcement officials within the following organizational units: Bureau of State Police; Maine Drug Enforcement Agency; Office of the State Fire Marshal; the division within the Department of Public Safety designated by the Commissioner of Public Safety to enforce the law relating to the manufacture, importation, storage, transportation and sale of all liquor and to administer those laws relating to licensing and collection of taxes on malt liquor and wine; Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Bureau of Marine Patrol; the forest protection unit within the Bureau of Forestry; Bureau of Warden Service; Bureau of Parks and Lands; and the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, the investigation division and the Medicaid fraud control unit within the Office of the Attorney General. [PL 2021, c. 258, §1 (AMD); PL 2021, c. 293, Pt. C, §3 (AMD).]