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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**2017 – 2018 Regulatory Agenda**

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AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **17-229**

AGENCY NAME: **Maine Department of Transportation**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA**: None.

**EXPECTED 2017-2018 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

**New Rule (adopt, proposed Chapter 610):** Rules Relating to the Maine State Ferry Service

STATUTORY BASIS: Resolves 2015, ch. 86; 23 M.R.S. §52

PURPOSE: Require Maine State Ferry vessels to provide for transport of medical diagnostic samples in lockboxes; establish procedures to modernize and improve customer services and identify opportunities for increased revenue; and implement a standardized process to improve training of Maine State Ferry Service employees.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION:Fall 2017/Spring 2018

AFFECTED PARTIES: Residents of islands served by the Maine State Ferry Service and health agencies serving those residents; passengers on vessels operated by Maine State Ferry Service; employees of the Maine State Ferry Service.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT (Information on any planned use of as outlined in 5 MRSA §8051-B): not anticipated.

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**Chapter 205 (amend):** Rules for Administering the Maine Traveler Information Services Act

STATUTORY BASIS: L.D. 209; 23 M.R.S. §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶L

PURPOSE: Amends the statute to increase the amount of time a temporary sign may be placed in the public right-of-way from a maximum of 6 weeks per calendar year to a maximum of 12 weeks per calendar year.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION:Fall 2017/Spring 2018

AFFECTED PARTIES: Candidates for public office; Political Action Committees; political campaigns.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT (Information on any planned use of as outlined in 5 MRSA §8051-B): not anticipated.

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**Chapter 206 (amend):** Regulation for the Installation of Gas, Food, Lodging, Camping and Attractions Logo Signs on the Rural Portions of the Interstate Highway System

STATUTORY BASIS: L.D. 209; 23 M.R.S. §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶L

PURPOSE: Amends the statute to increase the amount of time a temporary sign may be placed in the public right-of-way from a maximum of 6 weeks per calendar year to a maximum of 12 weeks per calendar year.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION:Fall 2017/Spring 2018

AFFECTED PARTIES: Candidates for public office; Political Action Committees; political campaigns.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT (Information on any planned use of as outlined in 5 M.R.S. §8051-B): not anticipated.

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**Chapter 210 (adopt and amend):** Utility Accommodation Rules

STATUTORY BASIS: 23 M.R.S. §52; 35-A M.R.S. §2503(16); 23 CFR §645.211

PURPOSE: 1) Revisions to clarify existing rules; 2) Revisions and new rules to address the permitting and physical location of facilities for the 5G wireless deployment currently underway in the State of Maine; 3) Technical revisions for utility accommodation such as material types, offsets in state and state-aid highway rights-of-way. etc.; and 4) Several other potential revisions regarding dual pole lines, location permitting and/or pole locations.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Spring 2018/Fall 2018

AFFECTED PARTIES: Public utility companies

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT (Information on any planned use of as outlined in 5 M.R.S. §8051-B): not anticipated.

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