**State of Maine: Notice of Agency Rulemaking – January 15, 2020**

**PROPOSALS**

AGENCY: **17-229 - Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT)**

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch. 800**, Autonomous Vehicle Pilot Program Rules

TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER: **2020-P003**

BRIEF SUMMARY: The purpose of these rules is to establish a process to evaluate and authorize an autonomous vehicle tester to demonstrate and deploy for testing purposes an automated driving system on a public way. These rules describe the Autonomous Vehicle Pilot Project Program and the process by which an autonomous vehicle tester may apply to demonstrate and deploy an automated driving system on a public way in the state of Maine for testing purposes. These rules are intended to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, the safe and lawful conduct of autonomous vehicle Pilot Projects undertaken in Maine.

PUBLIC HEARING: February 3, 2020 - 2:00 p.m., MaineDOT Headquarters -Conference Room 216, 24 Child Street, Augusta, Maine

COMMENT DEADLINE: February 14, 2020

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FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES: minimal

CONTACT PERSON FOR SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT: n/a

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE: Resolve 2018 ch. 46 - HP 1204 - LD 1724; 23 MRS §52

SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED *(if different)*: n/a

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**ADOPTIONS**

AGENCY: **19-100 - Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)**

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch. 100**, Pine Tree Development Zone Program

ADOPTED RULE NUMBER: **2020-008**

CONCISE SUMMARY: The Pine Tree Development Zone Program was established by the Legislature in 2003 and has been amended in 2005, 2009, 2018 and 2019. The 2018 amendment extended the program an additional three years and also made significant changes to the administrative and certification processes of the program. The 2019 amendment removed the requirement that PTDZ applications for certification had to be reviewed by the State Economist and for DECD to obtain an advisory impact from the State Economist. The Department of Economic and Community Development administers the program. This rule establishes criteria to determine eligibility for the Pine Tree Development Zone program, the process used by businesses to apply for certification and the requirements that must be met and maintained to claim benefits available to a certified business.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 13, 2020

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AGENCY: **19-100 - Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)**

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch. 400**, Employment Tax Increment Financing

ADOPTED RULE NUMBER: **2020-009**

CONCISE SUMMARY: The Employment Tax Increment Financing (ETIF) Program is designed to encourage the creation of net new quality jobs in this State, improve and broaden the tax base and improve the general economy of the State. The ETIF program was established in 1995 and has been amended several times, most recently in 2017. As an expanded ETIF reimbursement rate is one of the benefits of the Pine Tree Development Zone Program, recent legislative changes to the PTDZ program have resulted in the need to update the ETIF rules for consistency. The Department of Economic and Community Development administers the ETIF program for compliance. This rule establishes criteria to determine eligibility for the ETIF program, the process used by businesses for certification and the requirements that must be met and maintained to claim benefits available to a certified business.

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