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

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

**EXPECTED 2025-2026 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE**: Chapter 305, Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Traffic Movement Permits.

STATUTORY BASIS: 23 M.R.S. §52 and 23 M.R.S. §704-A.

PURPOSE: To amend Chapter 305 to change certain traffic movement permit process requirements, traffic study requirements, roadway design requirements, and mitigation on state and state-aid road requirements.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Spring 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: MEREDA, BUILD ME, Maine Institute of Transportation Engineers, consulting engineers, and municipalities.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Informal review of draft by affected parties.

CONTACT PERSON: Same as Agency contact above.

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE**: Chapter 302, Rules Regulating the Use of Picnic and Rest Areas.

STATUTORY BASIS: 23 M.R.S. §52.

PURPOSE: To amend Chapter 302 to clarify the Department of Transportation’s authority to post signs designating the usage as well as the hours of use by the public of picnic and rest areas owned by MaineDOT.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Spring 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Users of MaineDOT picnic and rest areas.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: None

CONTACT PERSON: Same as Agency contact above.

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE**: New proposed rule, Establishment of Speed Limits in Work Zones.

STATUTORY BASIS: 23 M.R.S. §52 and 29-A M.R.S. §2075 subsection 2-A.

PURPOSE: To establish criteria for temporarily reducing the posted speed limit on a section of a public way where a municipal or utility construction project is located when construction workers are present.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Spring 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Any municipality or utility with a construction project on a public way and construction workers involved in that project; traveling public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: The Department invited input from municipalities and utilities.

CONTACT PERSON: Same as Agency contact above.

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE**: New proposed rule, Rules Governing Corrosion Mitigation Methods for Steel Bridges.

STATUTORY BASIS: 23 M.R.S. §52 and 23 M.R.S. §357.

PURPOSE: To establish rules governing corrosion mitigation methods for steel bridges wholly under the control of the State.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Spring 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Traveling public; bridge paint consultants and contractors.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not anticipated.