# Annual List of Rulemaking Activity Rules Adopted January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

Prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to 5 MRS §8053 sub-§5

Agency name: Department of Transportation (DOT)

Umbrella-Unit: 17-229

**Statutory authority:** 23 MRS §§ 52, 4404; Resolves 2015 ch. 86 §2

Chapter number/title: Ch. 602 (New), Rules Relating to Maine Ferry Service Tolls

**Filing number: 2019-168 Effective date**: 10/2/2019

**Type of rule:** Routine Technical

Emergency rule: No

### Principal reason or purpose for rule:

The Department of Transportation adopts Ch. 602 to set toll rates for the Maine State Ferry Service (the "MSFS") to meet the funding requirements in 23 MRS §4210-C.

#### **Basis statement:**

This rule established tolls for the Maine State Ferry Service pursuant to 23 MRS §4404. The toll rates in the rule are anticipated to generate sufficient revenue to pay for the continued operation of the Ferry Service in light of the limitation on State support contained in 23 MRS §4210-C.

### Fiscal impact of rule:

This rule will have no fiscal impact on the State of Maine General Fund.

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Chapter number/title: Ch. 308, Rules to Establish Seasonal Load Restrictions on

Certain State and State Aid Highways

**Filing number: 2019-190 Effective date**: 11/5/2019

**Type of rule:** Routine Technical

Emergency rule: No

### Principal reason or purpose for rule:

The amendment is to update Section 4, "Exemption – Frozen Highways", to further clarify the restrictions on highways that are considered to be "frozen".

#### **Basis statement:**

This rule was amended to update Section 1, "Definitions", sub-Section 6, "Special Commodity", to include a new letter k), "United States mail". Section 4 was amended to update the definition of "frozen" highways.

### Fiscal impact of rule:

Minimal.