An Act Making Unified Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year June 30, 2023

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state departments and institutions will become due and payable immediately; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

PART A

Sec. A-1. Appropriations and allocations. In order to provide for the necessary expenditures of State Government and other purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following sums as designated in the following tabulations are appropriated or allocated out of money not otherwise appropriated or allocated.

PART B

Sec. B-1. Carrying provision; Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balances in the All Other line categories in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, after all financial commitments for obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made, at the end of fiscal year 2022-23 to the All Other line category for the 2023-24 fiscal year; and, at the end of fiscal year

2023-24 to the All Other line category for the 2024-25 fiscal year in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program to be used for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles modernization project.

PART B SUMMARY

This Part authorizes the State Controller to carry forward any unexpended balances in the All Other line category in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, after all financial commitments for obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made, at the end of fiscal year 2022-23 to the All Other line category for the 2023-24 fiscal year and at the end of fiscal year 2023-24 to the All Other line category for the 2024-25 fiscal year in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program to be used for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles modernization project.

PART C

Sec. C-1. 23 MRSA §4206, sub §1-Q is enacted to read:

<u>1-Q. Training program. The commissioner may implement a program to enhance the skills</u> of the Department's transportation workers and ferry service workers. Employees in these classifications who participate in training and who demonstrate they have achieved competencies prescribed by the Commissioner may progress immediately to the next level in these classification series.

PART C SUMMARY

This Part authorizes the Commissioner to implement a program to develop the expertise of Transportation Workers, Ferry Deckhands, Ferry Ordinary Seaman and Ferry Able Seaman. Upon successful completion of the program and demonstration of prescribed competencies, employees in these classifications may immediately progress to the Senior position in the respective classification series.