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An Act To Promote Transparency and Public Safety When Public Servants Request Towing Services

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRYANT of Windham.
Cosponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York and
Representatives: PERKINS of Oakland, WHITE of Waterville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1830, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 386, Pt. H, §10, is
3 amended to read:

4 **3. Standards; specifications.** The Bureau of General Services shall establish the
5 following:

6 A. Standards for vehicle operation;

7 B. Specifications for vehicles to be acquired by the State; ~~and~~

8 C. Standards for the exemption or waiver of state agencies from the requirements of
9 this section. The Director of the Bureau of General Services may provide a waiver to
10 an agency or an employee requiring the services of the Central Fleet Management
11 Division or the standards and criteria established under this section if the director
12 concludes that such a waiver is in the best economic interest of the State or critical
13 agency mission-; and

14 D. Standards governing requests for roadside assistance or towing services, which
15 must require the use of a central agency dispatch service when available and require
16 the maintenance of records from each service call for the purpose of creating a list of
17 preferred establishments that provide roadside assistance and towing services.

18 Standards developed for use of Central Fleet Management Division services by all state
19 agencies not exempted under paragraph C and employees of any such agency must be
20 available for inspection at the Central Fleet Management Division's central office. The
21 Director of the Bureau of General Services may provide a temporary waiver of the
22 standards and criteria established under this section if the director concludes that the unique
23 conditions of program or employee function require such a waiver.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill requires the Central Fleet Management Division within the Department of
26 Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to develop standards
27 governing requests for roadside assistance or towing services.