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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1295,
L.D. 1934, "An Act to Promote Responsible Outdoor Lighting"

Amend the amendment in paragraph E in the 3rd line (page 1, line 20 in amendment)
by inserting after the following: "708" the following: 'Maine Turnpike Authority roadway
lighting'

Amend the amendment by inserting after paragraph A the following:

'Amend the bill in section 1 in c. 21 in §481 in subsection 3 by inserting after paragraph
D the following:

'E. Rules adopted pursuant to subsection 4 by the Maine Turnpike Authority permit
temporary lighting to ensure safety and efficiency in completion of road construction
and repair, as long as such lighting deviates from the standards in subsection 2 to the
minimum extent necessary.'

Amend the amendment on page 2 by inserting after paragraph H the following:

'Amend the bill in section 1 in c. 21 in §481 in subsection 3 by relettering the
paragraphs to read alphabetically.'

Amend the amendment on page 2 in subsection 4 in the 6th and 7th lines (page 2, lines
11 and 12 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Any department proposing rules"
and inserting the following: 'The Maine Turnpike Authority may adopt rules governing
temporary lighting necessary to ensure safety and efficiency in completion of road
construction and repair as described in subsection 3, paragraph E. Any entity proposing
rules pursuant to this subsection'

Amend the amendment on page 2 in subsection 5 in the 3rd and 4th lines (page 2, lines
19 and 20 in amendment) by striking out the following: "No later than September 30, 2026,
the" and inserting the following: 'The'

Amend the amendment on page 2 in subsection 5 in the first paragraph in the last line
(page 2, line 21 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "purposes" the following:
'when the office has sufficient resources to accomplish this'

Amend the amendment on page 2 by striking out all of the 3rd instructional paragraph
(page 2, line 26 in amendment).

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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1295, L.D. 1934 (S-349)

1 Amend the amendment on page 2 by striking out all of section 2 (page 2, lines 27 to 36
2 in amendment).

3 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
4 section number to read consecutively.

5 **SUMMARY**

6 This amendment removes the requirement that the Maine Office of Community Affairs
7 develop and share with municipalities a model ordinance for lighting standards by
8 September 30, 2026. Instead, the amendment specifies that the office must accomplish this
9 requirement when it has sufficient resources. The amendment also exempts roadway
10 lighting on the Maine Turnpike and provides to the Maine Turnpike Authority the authority
11 to adopt major substantive rules to exempt temporary lighting to ensure safety and
12 efficiency in completion of road construction and repair, as long as such lighting deviates
13 from the standards to the minimum extent necessary. The amendment also removes the
14 appropriations and allocations section.

15 SPONSORED BY: 

16 (Senator BALDACCI, J.)

17 COUNTY: Penobscot

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

SENATE AMENDMENT

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1934****LR 1969(05)****An Act to Promote Responsible Outdoor Lighting****Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"****Sponsor: Sen. Baldacci of Penobscot (CS-349)****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$15,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$15,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment removes the requirement that the Office of Community Affairs (OCA) develop and share a responsible outdoor lighting model ordinance with municipalities by September 30, 2026 and clarifies that OCA must develop the model ordinance when adequate resources are available to absorb the cost. The amendment removes the corresponding one-time General Fund appropriation to OCA of \$15,000 in fiscal year 2025-26.

Any additional costs to the Maine Turnpike Authority from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.