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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1955

H. P. 1513

House of Representatives, January 24, 1972

The Committee on Transportation suggested.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelley of Southport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-TWO

AN ACT Relating to Speed of Motor Vehicles on Expressway Systems.

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

R. S., T. 29, § 1251, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 1251 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 23 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

The State Highway Commission, with the consent and approval of the Chief of the Maine State Police, shall have authority to increase the speeds of all motor vehicles at any and all points on the highway where, in its opinion, higher speeds are warranted to promote the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, provided that such increased speed shall not exceed 60 miles per hour for vehicles, except on the interstate system **and expressway systems** such increased speed shall not exceed 70 miles per hour for vehicles.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would permit authorities to increase speed limits on state ways that are constructed very nearly to interstate specifications, when in their judgment the speed on such expressways should be increased.