

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 380

H. P. 274

House of Representatives, January 24, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Briggs of Caribou.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Control of Outdoor Advertising.

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

Whereas, the erection and maintenance of "jumbo signs", so called, on land adjacent to and more than 660' from State Highways, is not prohibited; and

Whereas, numerous sign locations are now being sought; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to preserve the roadside aesthetic values; 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:

R. S., T. 32, § 2716, sub-§ 2, amended. The first paragraph of subsection 2 of section 2716 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 257 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

No person, firm or corporation shall erect or maintain ~~within any legible advertisement beyond 660 feet of, and that can be seen from, the nearest right of way boundary line of~~ any portion of the Interstate System, including ramps and interchange areas or any portion of the primary system or any

portion of a scenic highway, and no person, firm or corporation shall erect or maintain any advertising structure or advertisement of any kind within 660 feet of the nearest right-of-way boundary line of any portion of said Interstate System, ramps, interchange area of a primary system and scenic highway except:

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill extends the control of outdoor advertising signs beyond the 660-foot strip adjacent to certain State Highways to prevent the erection and maintenance of jumbo signs intended to be seen and read from the highways.