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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT Requiring the Ramping of Curbs at Crosswalks for
Physically Handicapped and Elderly Persons.**

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

R. S., T. 23, § 706, additional. Title 23 of the Revised Statutes is amended
by adding a new section 706 to read as follows:

§ 706. Curbs

1. Location or construction. The Department of Transportation shall develop or approve standards for the location or construction of curbs on each side of a way in any municipality for which curbs have been prescribed. Such standards shall provide for the location and construction of ramps so as to allow reasonable access to the crosswalks for physically handicapped and elderly people.

2. Application. Standards set for curb ramping under subsection 1 shall not apply to any existing curb on the effective date of this Act; but shall apply, to the extent reasonable, to all new curb construction and to all replacement curbs constructed in order to allow reasonable access to crosswalks.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to make the facilities and services normally offered to residents of our municipalities more accessible to the physically handicapped and elderly citizens residing in our municipalities.