

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 2183

H. P. 1737

House of Representatives, January 2, 1974

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cooney of Sabattus.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT Relating to Discontinuance of Town Ways.

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

R. S., T. 23, § 3004, amended. Section 3004 of Title 23 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by section 133-A of chapter 625 of the public laws of 1973, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

A town way, or any portion thereof, which has not been maintained, or has not had snow removed therefrom by the town for a period of 20 continuous years immediately prior to October 3, 1973, shall thereby be discontinued by operation of law. Such discontinuance by operation of law shall be presumed to relegate the town way to the status of a private way and shall not affect any title or interest a municipality may have acquired that is evidenced by an instrument of conveyance recorded with the county register of deeds.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is intended to aid towns in the closing of roads unused for a period of 20 years or more.