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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT to Implement the Federal Aid Safer Roads Demonstration Program  
and to Make Additional Allocations from the General Highway Fund.**

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

R. S., T. 23, §§ 71 and 72, additional. Title 23 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sections 71 and 72 to read as follows:

§ 71. Federal Aid Safer Roads Demonstration Program

The Department of Transportation is authorized and empowered to implement the Federal Aid Safer Roads Demonstration Program as set forth in Section 230 (a) chapter 4 of Title 23, United States Code.

Funds allocated from the General Highway Fund within the State Aid Construction and Reconstruction, Hardship Cases; Town Road Improvement; Planning Survey; and the Joint State and Town Fund established from allocations made within Construction and Reconstruction of State Aid Roads may be used to provide the required matching funds for this program. Also, allocations made from the State General Fund to Abolish, Reconstruct or Alter Railroad Crossings on Town Ways may be used for this purpose.

§ 72. Acceptance of Metropolitan Planning Funds

The Policy Committees as established to carry out comprehensive transportation planning activities in urbanized areas are authorized to receive and administer Federal and State Transportation Planning Funds for such planning activities. Said Policy Committees may contract with various state,

local and regional agencies to carry out the provisions of Section 134, Title 23, United States Code.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to establish legislation to authorize the Department of Transportation to implement the provisions of the new Federal Aid Safer Roads Program and to provide required matching funds for this program which includes projects to improve highway marking and signing, to eliminate roadside obstacles, to eliminate hazards at railroad highway grade crossings and to correct high hazard locations. The Act also identifies the agency responsible for administering Section 134, Title 23, United States Code.