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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT to Extend Collective Bargaining Rights to Maine Turnpike  
Authority Employees.**

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

Whereas, collective bargaining rights have previously been extended to state, municipal and other public employees in the State; and

Whereas, the Maine Turnpike Authority is a public agency performing governmental functions; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that equality in bargaining rights be immediately extended to Turnpike Authority employees so that injustice may be avoided; 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, therefor,

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

26 MRSA, § 962, sub-§ 7, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 424, § 1, is amended to read:

7. **Public employer.** "Public employer" means any officer, board, commission, council, committee or other persons or body acting on behalf of any

municipality or town or any subdivision thereof, or of any school, water, sewer or other district, or of the **Maine Turnpike Authority**.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act provides for the extension of collective bargaining rights to employees of the Maine Turnpike Authority. Collective bargaining rights have previously been extended to state, municipal and other public employees in the State. The Maine Turnpike Authority is a public agency performing governmental functions. This Act will accord to employees of the Turnpike Authority rights commensurate with those of other public employees.