

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1104**

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H. P. 905

House of Representatives, March 18, 1975

On Motion of Mr. Fraser of Mexico, referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Webber of Belfast.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT to Clarify the Power of the Commissioner of Transportation and the Chief of the Maine State Police to Regulate Speed Limits.**

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

29 MRSA § 1251, first sentence, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 772, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Except as provided in section 1255 and notwithstanding section 1252, subsection 2, the Commissioner of Transportation, with the consent and approval of the Chief of the Maine State Police, shall have the authority to restrict the maximum rate of speed allowed by law or established by the commissioner with the consent and approval of the Chief of the Maine State Police at any and all points on the highway where in the opinion of the commissioner, with the consent and approval of the Chief of the Maine State Police, an adjusted speed limit will minimize the danger of accident, promote the free flow of traffic, conserve motor fuel or respond to changes in federal laws, and in each such place shall fix the rate of speed in accordance with his own judgment.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the authority of the Commissioner of Transportation, with the consent and approval of the Chief of the Maine State Police, to decrease or increase speed limits.