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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Prohibition Against Hitchhiking.

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

29 MRSA § 2188, first ¶ is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

It shall be unlawful for any person to hitchhike on the traveled portion of any public highway, on any portion of any limited access highway, including but not limited to the Maine Turnpike or on any portion of any public highway during the nighttime as defined in section 1252.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a municipality from regulating or prohibiting hitchhiking by appropriate ordinance on any public highway or portion thereof within the municipality; provided, that such areas within a municipality where hitchhiking has been so regulated or prohibited shall be clearly identified by posted signs.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit hitchhiking on traveled portions of public highways, on any portion of any limited access highway and on any portion of any public way during nighttime hours and to provide that a municipality may also regulate or prohibit hitchhiking on any public highway or portion thereof within the municipality provided that the areas which are so regulated or prohibited must be clearly identified by posted signs.