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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1643

H. P. 1331 House of Representatives, April 2, 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. Carter of Winslow.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Responsibility for Maintenance of Highways and Town Ways in Municipalities of Less than 5,000 Persons.

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

23 MRSA § 3652, first sentence, is amended to read:

When a town with a population of less than 5,000 people that is liable to maintain a way unreasonably neglects to keep it in repair as provided in section 3651, after one of the municipal officers has had 5 days' actual notice or knowledge of the defective condition, any 3 or more responsible persons may petition the county commissioners for the county, setting forth such facts, who, if satisfied that such petitioners are responsible for the costs of the proceedings, shall fix a time and place near such defective way for a hearing on such petition and cause such notice thereof to be given to the town and petitioners as they may prescribe.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to exclude large communities from interference by the county on municipal developments regulated locally.