

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-881) 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT " β " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 343, L.D. 388, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to the Maine Turnpike Authority."

Amend the Amendment by striking out everything after the title and inserting in its place the following:

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'Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

AN ACT Establishing a Single Toll Facility on the Maine Turnpike. Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Single toll facility established. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon the payment of all bonded indebtedness incurred by the Maine Turnpike Authority prior to the effective date of this Act, the State of Maine acting through the Department of Transportation, shall assume all responsibilities for operation and maintenance of the Maine turnpike and shall:

1. Within one year thereafter, remove all toll barrieres from the turnpike, except as provided in subsection 2; and

<u>2.</u> Within one year thereafter, establish a single toll barrier at York in York County to be operated and maintained by the department. A toll of 75ϕ shall be charged to all vehicles passing through the barrier.

The department shall not, within the one year period set out in subsections 1 and 2, convert the present system of toll barriers to a single toll barrier system until its operation of the existing system of toll barriers has provided sufficient revenue to entirely fund the conversion of the turnpike to a single toll barrier system. The department shall use that revenue to HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 343, L.D. 388

fund the conversion required by this section.

Sec. 2. Reduction of exemptions. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1, subsection 2, the department may, as it deems necessary, grant reduction in or exemption from the toll established by section 1, subsection 2, to persons or classes of persons showing a special need for the reduction or exemption.

Sec. 3. Rules and regulations. The department shall promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment incorporates the provisions of House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" and provides that the Department of Transportation shall fund the conversion of the turnpike to a single toll barrier system from revenues derived from the department's operation of the present system of toll barriers on the turnpike.

Filed by Mr. McKean of Limestone.

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