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

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 authority shall:

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

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

Sec. 2. Reduction of exemptions. Notwithstanding the pro-
visions of section 1, subsection 2, the authority 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 authority shall promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment would provide that, following payment of current indebtedness by the Maine Turnpike Authority, a single toll barrier would be established at York and a 75¢ toll charged to incoming and outgoing vehicles.

When the turnpike proposal was brought to the Maine voters, it was understood that when the bond issue was paid, there would be no future tolls. Realizing that moneys are necessary for the maintenance of the highway, the most equitable solution to the problem of raising this money is a single toll booth at the state entrance which would affect the tourists and business people more than the residents of this State.

Filed by Mr. Biron of Lewiston.

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