

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 938**

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H. P. 791

House of Representatives, March 10, 1977

On motion of Mr. Carroll of Limerick referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and 1,800 ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kerry of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsors: Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, Mr. Spencer of Standish.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Require Bilingual State Highway Maps.**

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

23 MRSA § 1351, 5th ¶, as amended by PL 1971, c. 593, § 22, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

**At least 10% of these maps shall be printed with bilingual legends in French and English.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to ensure that at least 10% of Maine's state highway maps are printed with legends in French and English. Canadian tourism is an important factor in Maine's economy, and many Canadian tourists speak French instead of English. By providing bilingual maps, Maine will help encourage tourism among French-speaking Canadians and will help its own economy.