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HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 1505, L.D. 1738, Bill, "AN ACT
Relating to Providing Information Services to Maine Travelers."

Amend the bill in section 1 by inserting after that part
designated "§1911." the following:

'§1911-A. Department of Transportation to provide lanes at
certain locations

Where 3 or more signs are located in any one location, the
Department of Transportation shall, within 3 years of the erection
of the 3rd sign, construct and maintain at that location, one or
more lanes to be used by persons stopping to read those signs.
These lanes shall be constructed in a manner, determined by the
Commissioner of Transportation, designed to permit the stopping
of vehicles without impeding or causing a hazard to the normal
flow of traffic.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 by striking out the
figure "\$100,000" (in 2 places) and inserting in their place the
following: '\$350,000'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to prevent the hazard to
vehicular traffic posed by the attempt of motorists to read a
proliferation of signs at any intersection. Attempts to read
small signs at high speeds may well cause accidents and prevent

the normal flow of traffic at these intersections. This amendment would require the Department of Transportation to construct and maintain stopping lanes to be used to read these signs at any place where 3 or more signs are erected.

This amendment also increases the appropriation by \$250,000 for each fiscal year to provide for the construction of the safety lanes.

The fiscal impact of this amendment is unknown at the present time.

Filed by Mr. LaPlante of Sabattus.

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