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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 108TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT B"to H.P. 2132, L.D. 2157, Bill, "AN ACT to Revise the Administration and Toll System of the Maine Turnpike."

Amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§332." by inserting /in the first sentence, after the underlined words "by means of a" the following: 'single'

Further amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of the following:

'§335. Single barrier toll facility

- 1. Single barrier facility. The department shall, when sufficient funds are available, but not later than 36 months after the effective date of this chapter, convert the Maine Turnpike to a single barrier toll system and remove the existing toll collection facilities not needed for a toll facility.
- 2. Construction of barrier toll facility. By the date of removal of the existing toll facilities, the department shall have in operation a single barrier toll facility at York in York County.

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§336." by striking out in the first sentence the following: "each" and inserting in its place the following: 'the'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§337." by striking out in the first line of the first paragraph the following: "the Maine Turnpike toll facilities" and inserting in its place the following: 'any Maine Turnpike toll facility'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§337." in subsection 1, by striking out at the end of the last sentence the following: "its toll facilities" and inserting in its place the following: 'any toll facility'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§337." by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'2. Conversion to single barrier toll facility. Conversion from the present toll collection facilities to the single barrier toll collection facility;'

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 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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