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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-290)
109TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" ^Ato H.P. 1133, L.D. 1401, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning Warning Signs Posted at Certain Railroad Grade Crossings under the Public Utilities Commission."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'35 MRSA §818, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 242, §2, is further amended to read:

Nothing in this section shall prevent the Department of Transportation from making such further regulations for safety at any such crossing ~~established-under-its-direction~~, as it may deem expedient or necessary.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to permit the Department of Transportation to issue regulations for safety at any crossing as is necessary. Safety regulations are more pertinent than the requirement for a ringing bell at every railroad intersection. In some cases, a ringing bell is unnecessary.