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No. 1724

H. P. 1614

Office of the Clerk of the House

Governor's Bill. Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mr. Carroll of Limerick.

Cosponsor: Mr. McPherson of Eliot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT Relating to the Reconstruction of Interstate and International Bridges.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, from time to time it is necessary to reconstruct interstate and international bridges; and

Whereas, statutory authority to reconstruct these bridges is necessary; and

Whereas, the Thoroughfare Bridge at Orient is in need of reconstruction; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to prevent undue hazards and dangers to the traveling public between Orient, Maine and Fosterville, New Brunswick, Canada and the work on the bridge should be commenced as soon as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA § 352, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA § 354, as amended by PL 1971, c. 593, § 22, is further amended to read:

§ 354. Reconstruction of bridges generally

The department shall have authority to reconstruct any ~~intrastate~~ bridge wholly or partly under the control of the State when, in its opinion, such reconstruction is necessary, and the cost of the work shall be paid from any funds available for the construction of ~~intrastate~~ bridges.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Presently, the statutes do not provide the necessary authority for the Department of Transportation to reconstruct interstate and international bridges.

In the past legislative authority for reconstruction of these bridges has been obtained as the need arose. The purpose of this legislation is to provide the department with the necessary statutory authority to reconstruct such bridges.