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L.D. 426  
(Filing No. H-144)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 383, L.D. 426, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Enable Municipal Governments to Set Speed Limits  
within Their own Jurisdictions.

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and  
inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT to Provide for a Municipal Hearing on a Speed Limit  
set by the Department of Transportation.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after  
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'29 MRSA §1251, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 397, §4,  
is further amended by adding after the first paragraph a new  
paragraph to read:

If a municipality asks the Department of Transportation to  
change a speed limit on a roadway within the municipality and  
the request is denied, the municipality may ask the department  
to hold a public hearing within the municipality for the purpose  
of supplying the department with the views of the public on the  
requested speed limit change. The department shall hold the  
hearing within 30 days of the request for the hearing. The depart-  
ment shall inform the municipality of its final decision on the  
requested speed limit change within 30 days after the hearing.'

Statement of Fact

The intent of this amendment is to leave control over speed  
limits in the Department of Transportation, but to provide the

residents of a municipality requesting a speed limit change with a chance to communicate their views to the department, once the change has been initially denied, at a public hearing.

Reported by the Committee on Local and County Government.  
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