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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
110TH LEGISLATURE  
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SENATE AMENDMENT " B " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 427, L.D. 1249, Bill, "AN ACT to Bring the Maine Traveler Information Services Act into Conformity with the United States Constitution."

Amend the Amendment in section 1, in that part designated "§1911." by inserting after subsection 3 the following:

'4. Small business exception. No license or permit is  
← required for the first 5 off-premise signs erected by a law-  
ful business within a radius of 10 miles of the business. Any  
sign so erected shall be located outside the right-of-way and  
shall be erected and maintained by the sponsoring business. Any  
sign so erected may utilize reflective materials mandated for  
licensed official business directional signs by the Commissioner  
of Transportation and must conform to all other Department of  
Transportation regulations pertaining to the size, shape and  
similar characteristics of official business directional signs.  
The commissioner may remove and return to the sponsoring business  
any sign which, in the opinion of the department, fails to comply  
with those regulations or unnecessarily interferes with highway  
safety, scenic resources or tourism.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to lessen the impact of the Maine Travelers Information Services Act on small businesses. The amendment would permit a business to erect and maintain up

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to 5 off-premise signs within 10 miles of the business without having to pay the \$30 per sign licensing fee or to comply with the expensive requirement of use of reflective materials for all signs. All such small business signs would be located outside the right-of-way and would be subject to removal by the commissioner if they interfere with highway safety, scenic resources, tourism or, if they fail to comply with applicable regulations of the Department of Transportation.

(Sen. Pierce)  
NAME:



COUNTY: Kennebec

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