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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 779

7 H.P. 627

House of Representatives, February 16, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sent up for
9 concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Mitchell of Freeport.

Cosponsor: Representative Michael of Auburn.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Require Review of Road
18 Construction.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §488, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL
23 1979, c. 714, is repealed.

24 Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §488, sub-§§1, 2 and 3, as
25 enacted by PL 1979, c. 714, are repealed.

26 STATEMENT OF FACT

27 This bill repeals the portion of the site loca-
28 tion law that exempts road construction from review.

29 The site location law requires review of
30 "developments which may substantially affect the

1 environment." Construction of roads, including log-
2 ging roads, often involves large projects. These
3 projects may include moving thousands of cubic yards
4 of fill, and may affect hundreds of acres of land.
5 Road construction directly affects the environment;
6 sedimentation lowers water quality and fish produc-
7 tion. Roads also indirectly affect the environment.
8 Access created by new roads in remote areas can radi-
9 cally alter the character of the area. This bill re-
10 quires roads in the organized and unorganized areas
11 of the State that occupy more than 3 acres of land to
12 be subject to this review.

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