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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. 864

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7 H.P. 684

House of Representatives, February 24, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for
9 concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Conners of Franklin.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Relating to Posting of and Permits
18 for Signs under the Billboard Law.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1911, sub-§2, as amended by PL
23 1981, c. 576, §5, is further amended to read:

24 2. Number limited. Notwithstanding section 1918,
25 the commissioner shall not issue more than 6 licenses
26 for official business directional signs for any one
27 place of business, facility or point of interest eli-
28 gible therefor under section 1909, not more than one
29 such official business sign shall be visible to traf-
30 fic moving in any one public way leading toward the
31 place of business, facility or point of interest nor
32 shall any license be issued for a sign located more
33 than ~~10~~ 25 miles radius from the place of business,
34 facility or point of interest.

1 Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1918, sub-§2, as repealed and
2 replaced by PL 1981, c.318, §4, is amended to read:

3 2. Granting licenses. Following receipt of an
4 application for an officialbusiness directional sign,
5 the commissioner shall, within 30 days after receipt
6 of the application, approve or disapprove the appli-
7 cation. The commissioner shall not approve an appli-
8 cation unless the requested location conforms to the
9 regulations of the commissioner adopted pursuant to
10 this chapter. The granting of licenses for official
11 business directional signs on the interstate systems
12 by the commissioner is contingent upon any require-
13 ment precedent to such approval, such as the concu-
14 rence of federal officials.

15 If the application is approved, the commissioner
16 shall issue the license. If it is not approved, the
17 commissioner shall return the application and fee,
18 stating the reasons for refusal and giving the appli-
19 cant an opportunity to correct any defects or to be
20 heard, within 30 days, by the commissioner. Upon
21 written request by the applicant, the commissioner
22 shall hear the matter and notify the applicant of his
23 findings and decision. Any person aggrieved by the
24 decision of the commissioner may, within 30 days of
25 receipt of the notice thereof, appeal to the Superior
26 Court in the county where the sign is proposed to be
27 located. The appeal shall not be de novo and shall be
28 pursuant to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule
29 80b.

30 STATEMENT OF FACT

- 31 The purposes of this bill are:
- 32 1. To increase the distance from a business
33 within which a sign may be located; and
 - 34 2. To require the commissioner to act on appli-
35 cations for signs within 30 days of receiving the
36 application.

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