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7 HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"
8 to H.P. 547, L.D. 734, Bill, "AN ACT to Authorize
9 the Increase of the Maximum Speed Limit to 65 Miles
10 Per Hour."

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the last 2 indented paragraphs before the emergency clause (page 2, lines 9 to 16 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

- 15 'Sec. 3. 29 MRSA \$1252, sub-\$\$5 and 6 are en-16 acted to read:
 - 5. Maine Turnpike and interstate highways. Any person who operates a motor vehicle on the Maine Turnpike or the Interstate Highway System at a speed which exceeds the posted speed of 65 miles per hour commits a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.
- 6. Use of radar detectors on the Maine Turnpike Interstate Highway System prohibited. It is un-23 24 lawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle upon the Maine Turnpike or the Interstate Highway System 25 26 when that vehicle is equipped with any device or 27 28 mechanism to detect the emission of radio microwaves 29 in the electro-magnetic spectrum, which microwaves 30 are employed by police to measure the speed of motor vehicles upon the highways of this State for law en-31 forcement purposes. A person may not possess or 32 any such device or mechanism as described in this 33 34 subsection on the Maine Turnpike on the Interstate Highway System and the presence of any such device or 35 36 mechanism in or upon a motor vehicle traveling upon 37 the Maine Turnpike or the Interstate Highway System constitutes prima facie evidence of a violation of 38 39 this subsection. The State need not prove that the

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1	device in question was in an operative condition or
2	being operated. Any such electronic or mechanical
3	device designed for detecting police speed monitoring
4	equipment in or upon a motor vehicle traveling upon
5	the Maine Turnpike and Interstate Highway System is
6	declared contraband and may be seized and destroyed
7	by the State. Any person who violates this subsec-
8	tion is guilty of a Class E crime.'

9 STATEMENT OF FACT

10	The purpose of this amendment is to provide that
11	the use or possession of a radar detector on the
12	Maine Turnpike or the Interstate Highway System is a
13	Class E crime since the sole purpose of radar detec-
14	tion devices is to allow motorists to violate the es-
15	tablished speed limit with little fear of apprehen-
16	sion. This amendment will aid law enforcement offi-
17	cers to better enforce the maximum speed limit in-
18	creased by the bill.

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