

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 734

(Filing No. H- 212 )

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
113TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "**A**" to H.P. 547, L.D. 734,  
Bill, "AN ACT to Authorize the Increase of the Maxi-  
mum Speed Limit to 65 Miles Per Hour."

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Amend the bill by inserting after the title and  
before the enacting clause the following:

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legis-  
lature do not become effective until 90 days after  
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, a 55 m.p.h. speed limit was federally  
imposed to combat shortages and rising prices during  
the threat of the 1973 Arab oil embargo; and

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Whereas, that serious conservation effort accom-  
plished its purpose and now should be modified to  
meet a more realistic level of compliance for modern  
day travel; and

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Whereas, there has been improved technology in  
auto safety and highway construction since 1973 so  
that Maine motorists can drive safely and comfortably  
at 65 m.p.h. on rural interstate highways; and

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Whereas, recent research conducted by the Federal  
Highway Administration indicates that the speed of  
travel is not the most critical factor in determining  
safety on the nation's major thoroughfares; and

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Whereas, there is widespread public contempt for  
the present speed limit on rural interstate highways  
of this State; and

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Whereas, the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1987 per-  
mits the speed limit to be raised on the rural inter-  
state highways of this State to 65 m.p.h.; and



