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STATE OF MAINE

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SENATE

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113TH LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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SENATE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 547, L.D. 734,

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Bill, "AN ACT to Authorize the Increase of the Maxi-

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imum Speed Limit to 65 Miles Per Hour."

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Amend the bill by inserting after the title and

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before the enacting clause the following:

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Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-

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lature do not become effective until 90 days after

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adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, a 55 m.p.h. speed limit was federally

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imposed to combat shortages and rising prices during

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the threat of the 1973 Arab oil embargo; and

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Whereas, that serious conservation effort accom-

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plished its purpose and now should be modified to

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meet a more realistic level of compliance for modern

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day travel; and

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Whereas, there has been improved technology in

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auto safety and highway construction since 1973 so

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that Maine motorists can drive safely and comfortably

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at 65 m.p.h. on rural interstate highways; and

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Whereas, recent research conducted by the Federal

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Highway Administration indicates that the speed of

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travel is not the most critical factor in determining

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safety on the nation's major thoroughfares; and

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Whereas, there is widespread public contempt for

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the present speed limit on rural interstate highways

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of this State; and

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Whereas, the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1987 per-

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mits the speed limit to be raised on the rural inter-

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1 state highways of this State to 65 m.p.h.; and

2 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
3 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
4 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
5 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
6 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
7 therefore,'

8 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end
9 before the statement of fact the following:

10 '**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency
11 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect
12 when approved.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this amendment is to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

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