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H.P. 1614 Reported by Representative MAHANY from the Committee on Economic Development. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed. Approved by the Legislative Council on June 19, 1987. Reference to the Committee on Economic Development suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 19. EDWIN H. PERT. Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Incorporate Economic Growth and Development and Growth Management in Transportation Planning.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4206, sub-\$1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 593, \$16, is amended to read:

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develop for the State comprehensive, 1 Α. То 2 balanced transportation policy and planning as that take into consideration economic growth and development in the several regions of the State 3 4 that will meet the present and future needs for 5 6 safe and efficient transportation adequate, 7 facilities that will and services; and 8 facilitate economic growth and development as well 9 as the good management of growth and development throughout the State. 10 11 (1)In considering economic growth and the management of growth, the commissioner shall consider the impact of existing and proposed 12 13 transportation facilities 14 upon existing 15 community businesses, land values, growth and 16 development patterns and community identity; Sec. 2. 17 23 MRSA §4206, sub-§10 is enacted to 18 read: 19 Require municipal transportation plans. The 10. 20 commissioner shall require any municipality that obtains any money from or through the department to develop a comprehensive transportation plan that takes economic growth and development and the prudent 21 22 23 management of growth into consideration. 24 Comprehensive plans shall be updated every 5 years. 25 26 In considering municipal economic growth and 27 development and the prudent management of growth, the municipal officials shall consider the impact of existing and proposed transportation facilities upon existing community businesses, land values, 28 29 30 growth and development patterns and community 31 identity. 32 33 в. The commissioner shall encourage neighboring municipalities to develop regional comprehensive transportation plans that take into consideration 34 35 36 the factors defined in paragraph A. 37 regional comprehensive plan may Α be 38 substituted for a municipal comprehensive 39 plan.

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Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §4504, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 542, Pt. G, §2, is amended to read:

Prepare a transportation capital improvement 2. Assist the department in the preparation of a plan. transportation capital improvement plan that identifies long-range capital improvement needs for the State's highways and bridges, ferries and related facilities, cargo ports, airports, public buses and related facilities and rail facilities. The capital improvement plan shall only address needs that are of a statewide significance. The needs to be addressed shall exclude those items to be addressed in the department's current biennial transportation improvement program. The capital improvement plan shall set forth goals, objectives, schedules and a budget that provides a balanced statewide response to the needs identified. The plan shall be updated every 2 years; and

A. Any transportation capital improvement plan prepared under this chapter or this Title shall take into consideration economic growth and development in the several regions of the State. In addition, one of the goals of this plan shall be the facilitation and good management of economic growth and development through the prudent construction, reconstruction and location of transportation facilities.

> (1) In considering economic growth and development and the management of growth, the commission shall consider the impact upon existing community businesses, land values, growth and development patterns and community identity; and

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is a product of a study conducted by the Joint Standing Committee on Economic Development with respect to 14 regional economies located throughout the State. The committee received considerable

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31 32 33 1 testimony from persons and organizations with respect 2 to the need for municipal and regional economic 3 development and growth management plans or strategies.

4 areas in which more comprehensive One of the 5 planning and analysis is needed is in transportation planning. Municipalities in particular, according to 6 7 the testimony, do not adequately plan with respect to 8 transportation facilities and systems. The Department 9 of Transportation testified that economic development and growth management are not variables taken into 10 consideration by the department with respect 11 to 1.2 transportation planning.

13 Transportation is a key to economic development 14 growth management. This bill requires these and 15 factors to be considered by the State and its municipalities in developing transportation plans. 16 Ιn 17 addition, any municipality receiving funds from the 18 Department of Transportation is required to develop comprehensive municipal transportation plans. Municipalities, in lieu of a municipal plan, may join 19 20 21 with other municipalities to develop a comprehensive 22 regional transportation facilities plan.

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