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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative GREENLAW of Standish.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Authorizing Local Control of the Posting of Speed Limits.



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

3 **29 MRSA §1256**, as amended by PL 1971, c. 593, §22, is
5 further amended to read:

7 **§1256. Municipalities may alter speed regulations; signal
9 devices; speed in parks**

11 Municipalities shall have ~~no~~ the power to alter any speed
13 limitations ~~or to enact or enforce any regulations contrary to~~
15 ~~this Title, except that they~~ in their municipality. They may by
17 ordinances or bylaws regulate traffic by means of signal devices
19 or other appropriate methods on any portion of the way where
traffic is heavy or continuous, and prohibit other than one-way
traffic upon certain ways, subject to Title 23, section 1351. The
speed of vehicles in public parks may be regulated in like manner
provided there shall be erected at all entrances to such parks
adequate signs giving notice of any such special speed
regulations.

21 Municipal officers in their respective jurisdictions are
23 authorized in their discretion, but subject to the approval of
25 the Department of Transportation, with the consent and approval
27 of the Chief of the Maine State Police, to increase the speed
29 which shall be lawful upon through ways at the entrances to which
vehicles are required to stop before entering or crossing such
through ways. Municipal officers shall place and maintain upon
adequate signs giving notice of such regulations.

31 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

33 The purpose of this bill is to give municipalities the right
35 to regulate the speed limits in their municipality.