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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 86, L.D. 121, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Travel Information Advisory Council Concerning Informational Signs"

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

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

Whereas, farmers selling fresh fruit, berry and vegetable crops require an immediate means of marketing their perishable crops in order to survive in business; and

Whereas, farmers selling such produce at their own stands must rely in large part on impulse buying by passing motorists; and

Whereas, it is critical that such farmers be able to erect signs advising motorists what produce is ready and available for sales or for "pick your own" type operations; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend the bill by striking out section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§2, ¶F is enacted to read:

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F. Signs erected by farmers advertising fresh fruit, berry and vegetable crops in season from June 15th to November 1st of each year. These signs must be removed by November 1st of each year and must be erected on private property with the landowner's permission, except that the signs may be erected in the right-of-way of highways that receive no federal aid. These signs are limited to 6 signs not exceeding 16 square feet per sign and must be located within 5 miles of the farm stand.

This paragraph applies only to farmers primarily selling their own produce raised on their respective farms and not for commercial fruit and produce stands.'

Further amend the bill by striking out section 3.

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment permits farmers to erect signs advertising their produce in the right-of-way of highways that receive no federal aid and allows the erection of up to 6 signs. The amendment also removes the increase of the initial fee and renewal fee for official business directional signs.

Reported by the Committee on Transportation
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