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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 872, L.D. 1258, Bill, "An Act to Provide for Equal Opportunity within the Maine Turnpike Authority"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1966, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 595, §3, is amended to read:

2. **Contracts for construction or reconstruction.** All contracts and agreements relating to the construction or reconstruction of the turnpike and the construction or reconstruction of connecting tunnels and bridges, overpasses, underpasses, interchanges and toll facilities must be approved by the Department of Transportation and the turnpike and connecting tunnels and bridges, overpasses, underpasses, interchanges and barriers shall must be constructed or reconstructed under the supervision of the department.

Contractors and subcontractors on all authority construction and reconstruction projects must be equal opportunity employers and, in connection with contracts in excess of \$250,000, also pursue in good faith affirmative action programs designed to remedy underrepresentation of minorities, women and persons with disabilities. The authority may by rule provide for the enforcement of this requirement. To the extent practical, the authority may use program and technical information developed by and available through the Department of Transportation to carry out this subsection.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1966, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

2 5. Fair practices; affirmative action. The authority is
subject to and shall comply with Title 5, chapter 65.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment requires that the Maine Turnpike Authority
comply with fair practices and affirmative action laws and that
certain contractors and subcontractors on authority construction
and reconstruction projects pursue affirmative action programs in
their employment practices, consistent with equal protection
considerations.

Reported by the Committee on Transportation
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