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H.P. 134

House of Representatives, January 20, 1995

An Act to Increase Safety in Highway Construction and Work Maintenance Areas.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative O'GARA of Westbrook. Cosponsored by Representatives: DRISCOLL of Calais, RICKER of Lewiston, STROUT of Corinth, Senator: STEVENS of Androscoggin.

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2075, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

2. Public ways under construction. The Commissioner of Transportation may restrict the speed limit on a public way under construction or during maintenance when a lower rate of speed would minimize the danger of accident. A person may not operate a motor vehicle in excess of these speeds, as long as notice of the maximum speed has been given by signs on the way. If a person is convicted of a traffic infraction on a public way that is under construction or is undergoing maintenance, the amount of the fine is doubled. This subsection does not apply to the Maine Turnpike.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill doubles the amount of the fine normally imposed for a traffic infraction committed in a construction or maintenance area of a public way.