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SENATE AMENDMENT " B " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 139, L.D. 325, Bill, "An Act to Revise the Maine Turnpike Authority's Powers with Respect to Commuter Tolls"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1.

Further amend the amendment in section 2 by striking out all of paragraph A-1 (page 2, lines 16 to 20 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'A-1. The authority is prohibited from imposing variable surcharges based on the time of day and the number of passengers in the vehicle. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the evaluation of congestion pricing as a reasonable transportation alternative to widening or expansion of the Maine Turnpike to 3 lanes in each direction from Exit 1 to Exit 6A on a projected basis without actual implementation of congestion pricing on a demonstration basis meets the criteria of section 73 and chapter 24.'

Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment prohibits the Maine Turnpike Authority from establishing a system of variable surcharges based on the time of day or the number of passengers in the vehicle and prohibits the authority from imposing such surcharge pricing. This amendment also makes clear that congestion pricing, as a reasonable alternative to widening the southern end of the turnpike, need only be evaluated through utilization of projections, modeling and other appropriate methodologies. This evaluation meets the criteria of the Sensible Transportation Policy Act.

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