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## **117th MAINE LEGISLATURE**

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No. 1051

S.P. 374

In Senate, March 28, 1995

## An Act to Allow the Posting of Temporary Signs at Dangerous Intersections.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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MAY M. ROSS Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of York. Cosponsored by Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, AMERO of Cumberland, BEGLEY of Lincoln, CASSIDY of Washington, HALL of Piscataquis, KIEFFER of Aroostook, Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, KONTOS of Windham, TAYLOR of Cumberland.

2	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 4	Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶¶G and H, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 318, §3, are amended to read:
6	G. Hand-held or similar signs not affixed to the ground or buildings; and
8	H. Signs bearing political messages relating to an
10	H. Signs bearing political messages relating to an election, primary or referendum, provided that these signs may not be placed within the right-of-way prior to 6 weeks
12	before the election, primary or referendum to which they relate and must be removed by the candidate or political
14	committee not later than one week thereafter <del>.</del> ; and
16	Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶I is enacted to read:
18	I. Temporary signs bearing a safety message or other message that has the potential for reducing collisions may
20	<u>be erected within the highway right-of-way by organizations</u> as a part of a state-recognized event or celebration. The
22	<u>signs may be in place for up to 7 days before and after the</u> event period but in no case longer than 6 weeks. Signs may
24	not advertise any product or service,
26	Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 318, §3, is amended to read:
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30	5. Prohibited practices. None of the signs referred to in this section may be erected or maintained on any traffic control
32	signs or devices, public utility poles, <u>except by specific</u> <u>permission of the utility</u> , or fixtures or upon any trees. None of these signs may be painted or drawn upon rocks or other
34	natural features.
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38	STATEMENT OF FACT
40	This bill allows the posting of temporary safety signs on highways to promote cautious driving and to prevent collisions
42	when there is an event or celebration. It also allows the posting of signs on public utility poles as allowed by the
44	utility.