

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 279

H.P. 215

House of Representatives, January 21, 1997

**An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Include  
Additional Criteria When Determining Whether to Take Over a Road.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township.  
Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and  
Representatives: O'NEAL of Limestone, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senator:  
GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.

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

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**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §53, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 702,  
4 Pt. Z, §1, is amended to read:

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**1. Classification.** The department shall cause charts and  
maps to be made showing the location and mileage of all highways  
8 in the State, and shall classify the highways of the State, and  
may, from time to time, amend that classification, namely:  
10 First, state highways, which mean a system of connected main  
highways throughout the State ~~which that~~ primarily serve arterial  
12 or through traffic; 2nd, state aid highways, which mean those  
highways not included in the system of state highways ~~which that~~  
14 primarily serve as collector and feeder routes connecting local  
service roads to the arterial state highway system; and 3rd, town  
16 ways, which mean all other highways not included in the first 2  
classes, ~~which that~~ are maintained by the towns and primarily  
18 serve as local service roads providing access to adjacent land.  
The criteria to be used in the classification of highways shall  
20 be is considered rulemaking and subject to Title 5, chapter 375,  
subchapter II. The criteria must take into consideration the  
22 impact of a classification of a highway on agriculture and  
forestry.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill adds the impact of a classification of a highway  
on agriculture and forestry to the list of criteria the  
Department of Transportation must use in its rules for  
16 determining whether a road is a state aid, state highway or town  
32 way.