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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 583, L.D. 774, Bill, "An Act to Allow Flexible Toll Pricing on the Maine Turnpike"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 (page 1, lines 6 and 7 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1973, sub-§4, ¶A-1, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 410, §2, is amended to read:

A-1. ~~The authority is prohibited from imposing variable surcharges based on the time of day.~~ 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.'

SUMMARY

This amendment retains the provision in the bill that allows the use of time of day variable surcharges on the Maine Turnpike, but it leaves in existing language stating that the Maine Turnpike Authority does not need to undertake an actual demonstration of time of day variable surcharges on the Maine Turnpike to meet the criteria of the Sensible Transportation Policy Act.