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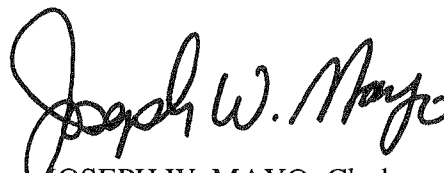
No. 903

H.P. 650

House of Representatives, February 6, 1997

**An Act to Maintain the Department of Transportation's Current Policy
on Reimbursement of Consultant Costs.**

Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLUKEY of Houlton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DRISCOLL of Calais, WHEELER of Eliot, Senator:
CASSIDY of Washington.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §52, as amended by PL 1973, c. 625, §128, is further amended by adding a new paragraph at the end to read:

6 In order to promote engineering and design quality and
8 ensure maximum competition by firms providing consultant
10 services, the department may adopt its own guidelines for
12 determining the reasonableness and permissability of various cost
14 factors including, but not limited to, salary limits, benefits
16 and expense reimbursement. Notwithstanding any other federal or
18 state law to the contrary, the department's guidelines must be
20 utilized in lieu of federally mandated provisions.

22 SUMMARY

24 This bill allows the Department of Transportation to
26 continue its current practice of establishing guidelines to
28 promote engineering and design quality and to ensure maximum
30 competition by firms providing consultant services. This bill is
32 in response to Section 307 of the 1995 National Highway System
34 Designation Act that requires Maine to enact legislation in order
36 to continue Maine's current policies and practices.