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House of Representatives, February 20, 1997

An Act to Amend the Maine Turnpike Authority Laws to Eliminate Conflicts of Interest.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford. Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, GERRY of Auburn, KASPRZAK of Newport, KONTOS of Windham, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, SAXL of Portland.

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

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Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1965, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Conflict of interest. A person may not be a member of the Maine Turnpike Authority if:

- A. That person possesses or acquires any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or proposed contract of the authority; or
- 12 B. That person's spouse, children, mother, father or siblings possess or acquire any interest, direct or 14 indirect, in any contract or proposed contract of the authority.

Sec. 2. Members with conflict of interest. A member of the Maine Turnpike Authority who on the effective date of this Act violates the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1965, subsection 3 may continue serving that member's term for 180 days. Within 180 days from the effective date of this Act, the Governor shall appoint a successor to serve the remaining term of that member who on the effective date of this Act violated section 1965, subsection 3.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits a person from serving as a member of the 30 Maine Turnpike Authority if that person or that person's family possesses or acquires an interest in any contract or proposed 32 contract of the authority.