

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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Legislative Document

No. 1422

S.P. 448

In Senate, March 11, 1997

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**An Act to Abolish the Maine Turnpike Authority.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA c. 24,** as amended, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. Transition.** Any rights, duties, obligations and powers belonging to the Maine Turnpike Authority are transferred to and assumed by the Department of Transportation on January 1, 1999. The department shall submit a report, together with the necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than January 1, 1998, to accomplish this transition. This report must include the mechanisms necessary for the department to assume all the rights, duties, obligations and powers of the Maine Turnpike Authority by January 1, 1999.

**Sec. 3. Effective date.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect January 1, 1999.

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill abolishes the Maine Turnpike Authority in 2 years and transfers duties and operation of the turnpike to the Department of Transportation. The department is required to submit a plan by January 1, 1998 that will accomplish the transfer by January 1, 1999.