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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1091, L.D. 1534, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Speed Limit and Amend the Penalty Point System"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 3 and 4 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2074, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Limits on Maine Turnpike and Interstate Highway System. Notwithstanding Title 23, section 1980, beginning July 1, 1998, the speed limit is 70 miles per hour on those sections of the Maine Turnpike and the Interstate Highway System in this State with a speed limit of 65 miles per hour on September 1, 1997. The Maine Turnpike Authority may by rule lower the speed limit under this subsection on the Maine Turnpike, and the Department of Transportation may by rule lower the speed limit under this subsection on other sections of the State's Interstate Highway System for approaches to exits, toll booths and urban zones. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Judicial Department may realize some minor savings from reductions of workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed in the court system. Reductions in the collection of fines may decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

R. 66.

SUMMARY

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This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The amendment sets a 70 mile-per-hour speed limit on those sections of the Maine Turnpike and the State's Interstate Highway System that currently have a speed limit of 65 miles per hour on July 1, 1998. It also allows the Maine Turnpike Authority and the Department of Transportation to lower the speed limit below 70 miles per hour on approaches to exits, toll booths and urban zones.