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House of Representatives, March 21, 1997

An Act to Amend the Sensible Transportation Policy Act.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JOYCE of Biddeford.

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

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3 Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §73, sub-§3, ¶B, as corrected by RR 1991, c. 2,
4 §88, is amended to read:

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6 B. Require that ~~the full range of reasonable~~ transportation
7 alternatives involving highways, bridges and air, water and
8 rail transportation be evaluated for all significant highway
9 construction or reconstruction projects and give preference
10 to transportation system management options, demand
11 management strategies, improvements to the existing system,
12 and other transportation modes before increasing highway
13 capacity through road building activities;

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15 Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §73, sub-§3, ¶D, as corrected by RR 1991, c. 2,
16 §88, is repealed.

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18 Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §73, sub-§3, ¶¶E and F, as corrected by RR
19 1991, c. 2, §88, are amended to read:

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21 E. Meet the diverse transportation needs of the people of
22 the State, including rural and urban populations and the
23 unique mobility needs of the elderly and disabled; and

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25 F. Be consistent with the purposes, goals and policies of
26 the Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulation Act ~~and~~ .

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28 Sec. 4. 23 MRSA §73, sub-§3, ¶G, as corrected by RR 1991, c. 2,
29 §88, is repealed.

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32 SUMMARY

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34 This bill amends the Sensible Transportation Policy Act so
35 that transportation planning, capital investment and project
36 decisions require, for all significant highway construction or
37 reconstruction projects, an evaluation of highway, bridge, air,
38 water and rail transportation alternatives only, rather than an
39 evaluation of all kinds of reasonable transportation
40 alternatives. The bill also repeals the provision that requires
41 transportation planning decisions, capital investment decisions
42 and project decisions to reduce the State's reliance on foreign
43 oil and promote reliance on energy-efficient forms of
44 transportation and repeals a provision relating to public
hearings.