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No. 1641

H.P. 1164

House of Representatives, March 24, 1997

An Act Regarding the Taking of Tolls on the Maine Turnpike.

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 MACK of Standish.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BODWELL of Brunswick, LEMONT of Kittery, LOVETT
of Scarborough.

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

2 Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1973, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

4 3-A. Collection of tolls. Notwithstanding subsection 3,
6 the following apply to the collection of tolls.

8 A. Whenever one or both of the following conditions exist,
10 the toll booth operator shall permit vehicles to pass
12 without collecting a toll until the condition no longer
14 exists:

16 (1) There are more than 15 vehicles waiting to pay a
18 toll at a toll booth; or

20 (2) There is more than a 5-minute delay due to
22 construction, an accident, heavy traffic or other
24 unforeseen event. For purposes of determining whether
26 the condition specified in this subparagraph exists,
28 the following formula must be used: if the number of
30 minutes from when a vehicle enters the turnpike to when
32 the vehicle exits the turnpike less the number of miles
34 from where the vehicle entered and exited the turnpike
36 equals 5 or more, then the condition exists.

38 B. Whenever a toll booth operator takes a toll or pass, the
40 toll booth operator shall say "thank you" to the person
paying the toll.

SUMMARY

This bill requires Maine Turnpike toll booth operators to let vehicles pass without collecting a toll whenever there are more than 15 vehicles waiting to pay the toll or there is more than a 5-minute delay traveling from entrance to exit. The bill also requires toll booth operators to say "thank you" when taking a toll or pass.