

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1410

House of Representatives, January 14, 1998

**An Act to Require Abutting Landowners to Pay a Fair Share of the Costs
of Maintaining a Private Road.**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule
203.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska.
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and
Representative McKEE of Wayne, Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §2956** is enacted to read:

6 **§2956. Maintenance of private roads**

8 The costs of construction and maintenance of a private road
10 that provides access to more than one landowner must be
12 distributed among those landowners on a pro rata basis based upon
14 the number of parcels of land contiguous to the private road
16 owned by each landowner. For purposes of this section,
18 "maintenance" includes plowing and grading.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill requires the costs of construction and maintenance
24 of a private road to be shared equally by the landowners abutting
26 that private road.