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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 258, L.D. 362, Bill, "An Act to Allow Municipalities to Set Speed Limits and Determine Whether Passing Is Advisable on State Roads"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Require Written Explanation from the Department of Transportation When a Municipal Request to Change a Speed Limit is Denied'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2073, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

2. Municipal request. If a municipal request to the Department of Transportation to change a speed limit is denied, the department shall inform the municipality in writing of the reasons for that denial and shall offer to meet with the municipal officials in that municipality to review those reasons. The municipality may request the department to hold a public hearing within the municipality to provide the department with the views of the public on the requested speed limit change. The department shall:

A. Hold the hearing within 30 days of the request; and

B. Inform the municipality of a final decision on the requested speed limit change within 30 days after the hearing.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 258, L.D. 362

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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8 The Department of Transportation will incur some minor
additional costs to provide certain written notifications to
municipalities. These costs can be absorbed within the
10 department's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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16 This amendment requires the Department of Transportation to
explain in writing why it denied a request from a municipality to
change a speed limit and requires the department to offer to meet
18 with the municipal officials in that municipality to explain the
reasons for that denial. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.