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House of Representatives, January 26, 1999

An Act to Allow Towns to Sand and Plow Private Ways.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway. Cosponsored by Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, HATCH of Skowhegan, RINES of Wiscasset.

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §3105 is amended to read:

§3105. Use of town equipment

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The inhabitants of any town or village corporation at a legal town or village corporation meeting may authorize the selectmen municipal officers of the town or assessors of the village corporation to use its highway equipment on private ways within such town or village corporation, whenever such selectmen municipal officers or assessors deem consider it advisable in the best interests of the town or village corporation for fire and police protection. The inhabitants may also authorize the use of highway equipment on private ways for snowplowing and sanding as conditions warrant for reasonable passage by motor vehicles, as long as the inhabitants vote to authorize snowplowing and sanding annually.

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SUMMARY

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This bill allows a municipality to sand and plow private ways if the inhabitants of that municipality have voted at a public meeting to do so.