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No. 1656

S.P. 576

In Senate, March 4, 1999

**An Act to Allow Local Control of Traffic on State Aid Roads Without
Loss of State Highway Funds.**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke and
Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2395, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

6 **4. Designation by counties and municipalities.** County
7 commissioners and municipal officers may ~~designate public ways~~
8 ~~ether than those in subsection 3 and~~ impose restrictions within
9 ~~their respective jurisdictions~~ similar to those made by the
10 Department of Transportation under subsection 3 on state aid
11 highways and bridges or other public ways within a municipality
12 or county.

14 **SUMMARY**

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18 Current law does not allow municipalities or counties to
19 impose restrictions on the gross weight, speed, operation or type
20 of equipment operated on state aid highways. The option
21 available to municipalities and counties that wish to regulate
22 such roads is to take over the roads as town roads. That option,
23 however, results in a loss of highway funds to the municipality
24 or county.

26 This bill allows municipalities and counties to regulate
27 state aid highways and bridges in the same manner in which they
28 are presently able to regulate other public ways within their
29 jurisdictions, while leaving those roads as state aid highways
30 and while allowing the municipality to continue to receive its
share of the highway funds to maintain those roads.