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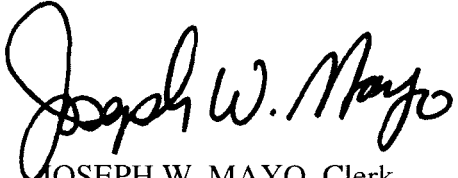
No. 1754

H.P. 1225

House of Representatives, March 9, 1999

**An Act to Establish a Speed Limit at Toll Plaza Approaches on the
Maine Turnpike.**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

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Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2074, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

1. Rates of speed. Except when conditions or other regulations require a lower speed, the following are maximum rates of speed:

A. Fifteen miles per hour when passing a school during recess or while children are going to or leaving school during opening or closing hours;

B. Fifteen miles per hour when approaching within 50 feet and in traversing an intersection when the operator's view is obstructed except when preference is given to through movement of traffic in one direction by "stop" signs or other traffic control devices or by direction of a law enforcement officer. An operator's view is considered obstructed when at any time during the last 50 feet of an approach to an intersection there is not a clear and uninterrupted view of the intersection and of the traffic on all ways entering the intersection for a distance of 200 feet from it;

C. Twenty-five miles per hour in a business or residential district or built-up portion unless otherwise posted;

D. Forty-five miles per hour on all other public ways unless otherwise posted;

E. On ways with a higher maximum speed limit, 45 miles per hour for a school bus transporting pupils to and from school. At all other times, a school bus may not exceed 55 miles per hour; and

F. On ways with a higher maximum speed limit when lights are required, 35 miles per hour for a motor-driven cycle, unless it is equipped with a headlight adequate to reveal a person 300 feet ahead of it; and

G. Five miles per hour within a distance of 10 yards from either side of a toll plaza on the Maine Turnpike. The maximum rate of speed under this paragraph must be posted in accordance with any law or rule governing the posting of rates of speed.

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SUMMARY

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This bill establishes a speed limit of 5 miles per hour in
6 toll plazas on the Maine Turnpike.