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House of Representatives, April 8, 1999

**Resolve, to Require the Department of Transportation to Build a Truck
Escape Ramp on Route 16 in Bingham.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative McGLOCKLIN of Embden.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and
Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, FISHER of Brewer, FULLER of Manchester,
GILLIS of Danforth, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, TRAHAN of Waldoboro.

Sec. 1. Escape ramp to be built on Route 16. Resolved: That the
2 Department of Transportation shall construct a truck escape ramp
on the downgrade on westbound Route 16 from Moscow to Bingham
4 approaching Route 201. For purposes of this resolve, a "truck
escape ramp" is a ramp the purpose of which is to slow and stop
6 away from the main stream of traffic those vehicles that are out
of control due to a loss of braking ability. The department
8 shall determine the best location for the truck escape ramp. In
designing the truck escape ramp, the department shall consider
10 using a 10% uphill grade with a stone bed. The department shall
post signs informing vehicle operators of the presence of the
12 truck escape ramp and the maximum safe speeds for vehicles on the
downgrade based upon the weights of vehicles.
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16 SUMMARY

18 This resolve requires the Department of Transportation to
construct on Route 16 in Bingham a truck escape ramp to slow and
20 stop away from the main stream of traffic those vehicles that are
out of control due to a loss of braking ability.
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