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H.P. 1671

House of Representatives, December 30, 1999

An Act to Clarify the Crosswalk Law.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 29, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POWERS of Rockport.
Cosponsored by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2056, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 1999, c.
101, §1, is further amended to read:

6 **4. Pedestrians in marked crosswalks.** When traffic-control
8 devices are not in operation, an operator must yield the
10 right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing within a marked crosswalk
12 that traverses a way that is fewer than 4 lanes. If the
14 crosswalk traverses a way that is at least 4 lanes, the operator
16 must yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing within a
18 marked crosswalk when the pedestrian is on the same 1/2 of the
20 way or approaching so closely as to be in danger.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 Current law requires an operator of a motor vehicle to yield
20 to a pedestrian anywhere within a marked crosswalk. This bill
22 maintains the current law for crosswalks on roads that are fewer
than 4 lanes, but requires an operator on larger roads to yield
only when the pedestrian is in the crosswalk on the same side of
the road or so close to the operator's vehicle as to be in danger.