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An Act to Require the Commissioner of Transportation to Accelerate Repairs that Improve Access Roads to Rural Areas of the State.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township. Cosponsored by President MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, CLARK of Millinocket, DUGAY of Cherryfield, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, STANLEY of Medway, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, KNEELAND of Aroostook. **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, rural roads in Maine are in a general state of 6 disrepair, causing access to rural areas to be difficult; and

8 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of 10 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 12 safety; now, therefore,

- 14 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
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Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4206, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 593, §16, is amended to read:

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A. To develop for the State, comprehensive, balanced transportation policy and planning as will meet the present and future needs for adequate, safe and efficient transportation facilities and services. In developing those policies and plans, the commissioner shall give priority to policies and plans that accelerate repairs to improve access to rural areas of the State;

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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- SUMMARY
- This bill requires the Commissioner of Transportation to 34 give priority to policies and plans that accelerate repairs to improve access to rural areas of the State.