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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 478, L.D. 618, Bill, "An Act to Remove State Road Signs with Offensive Names from Interstate Route 95 and the Maine Turnpike"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, a sign posted on the Maine Turnpike contains an offensive and incorrect name and must be removed immediately; and

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

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. Commissioner of Transportation and Executive Director of Maine Turnpike Authority shall replace signs. The Commissioner of Transportation shall replace any sign other than a sign that is located on the Maine Turnpike that is in violation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 1102 with a sign that contains proper place names no later than 30 days after the effective date of this Act. The Executive Director of the Maine Turnpike Authority shall replace a sign located on the Maine Turnpike that

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2 is in violation of Title 1, section 1102 with a sign that  
contains proper place names no later than 30 days after the  
4 effective date of this Act.

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

8 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
summary the following:

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12 **FISCAL NOTE**

14 The Maine Turnpike Authority will incur some minor  
16 additional costs to replace certain highway signs. These costs  
can be absorbed within the authority's existing budgeted  
18 resources.'

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This amendment clarifies that it is the responsibility of  
the Executive Director of the Maine Turnpike Authority, not the  
24 Commissioner of Transportation, to replace signs with offensive  
names that are located on the Maine Turnpike.