

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

---

Legislative Document

No. 618

H.P. 478

House of Representatives, February 8, 2001

**An Act to Remove State Road Signs with Offensive Names from  
Interstate Route 95 and the Maine Turnpike.**

---

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.  
Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and  
Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, HATCH of Skowhegan, NORBERT of Portland,  
TWOMEY of Biddeford, WATSON of Farmingdale.

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

2           **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1102**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 259, §1, is  
4 repealed and the following is enacted in its place:

6           **§1102. Offensive names prohibited**

8           **1. Place in State may not have offensive name.** A place in  
10 this State may not have or be given an offensive name.

12           **2. Sign on interstate highway or Maine Turnpike may not**  
14 **contain offensive name.** A sign placed by the State on an  
interstate highway or the Maine Turnpike may not contain an  
offensive name.

16           **Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1201, sub-§13**, as repealed and replaced by PL  
18 1977, c. 154, is amended to read:

20           **13. Moosehead Lake Region.** Such sign shall must be  
22 constructed and maintained on the Maine Turnpike at the first  
reasonable opportunity northerly from the York exit and shall  
must be worded as follows:

24           Moosehead Lake Region -- Squaw Big Moose Mountain -- 4 1/2  
26 hours;

28           **Sec. 3. Commissioner of Transportation shall replace signs.** The  
Commissioner of Transportation shall replace a sign that is in  
30 violation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 1102  
with a sign that contains proper place names no later than 30  
32 days after the effective date of this Act.

34                                   **SUMMARY**

36           This bill provides that a sign placed by the State on an  
38 interstate highway or the Maine Turnpike may not contain an  
offensive name, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title  
1, section 1101. The bill directs the Commissioner of  
40 Transportation to replace a sign that violates this provision  
with a sign that contains proper place names no later than 30  
42 days after the effective date of the bill.