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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 643, L.D. 843, Bill, "An Act to Clarify when Reduced Speed Limits are in Effect in School Zones"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§28-B is enacted to read:

28-B. Improved school property. "Improved school property" means the developed portion of school property including driveways, parking lots, playgrounds, athletic fields or school buildings.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§§64-A and 64-B are enacted to read:

64-A. School. "School" has the same meaning as in Title 20-A, section 6353, subsection 7.

64-B. School zone. "School zone" means the portion of the public highway abutting improved school property or 300 feet on either side of a school entrance, whichever is greater.

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2074, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. Fifteen miles per hour when traveling in a school zone:

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- 2 (1) During recess:
- 4 (2) When children are going to or leaving school
6 during school opening or closing hours. For purposes
8 of this paragraph, school opening and closing hours are
10 1/2 hour before and 1/2 hour after the beginning of the
12 school day and 1/2 hour before and 1/2 hour after the
14 end of the school day;
- 16 (3) When school speed limit signs are flashing during
18 school opening or closing hours; or
- 20 (4) At other times designated by a municipal traffic
22 ordinance that regulates town ways that are classified
24 as local by the Department of Transportation in
26 accordance with the federal functional classification
28 system.'

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

34 **'FISCAL NOTE**

36 The additional workload and administrative costs associated
38 with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system
40 can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
42 Department. The collection of additional fines may increase
General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

34 **SUMMARY**

36 This amendment replaces the bill and requires a maximum rate
38 of 15 miles per hour in a school zone during recess, when
40 children are going to or leaving school during school opening or
42 closing hours, when school speed limit signs are flashing during
school opening or closing hours or at other times designated by a
municipal traffic ordinance that regulates town ways that are
classified as local by the Department of Transportation in
accordance with the federal functional classification system. It
also adds a fiscal note to the bill.