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House of Representatives, December 3, 2001

**An Act to Allow Sharing of Information to Facilitate Interstate
Cooperation Between Toll Agencies.**

Submitted by the Maine Turnpike Authority pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Received by the Clerk of the House on November 29, 2001. Referred to the Committee on
Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Presented by Representative FISHER of Brewer.
Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and
Representatives: DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, Speaker SAXL of Portland, SCHNEIDER of
Durham.

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1980, sub-§2-B, ¶B, as amended by PL 1995, c. 339, §2, is further amended to read:

B. ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a~~ A photograph, micro-photograph, videotape or other recorded image prepared for enforcement of authority tolls is for the exclusive use of the authority in the discharge of its duties under this section. This material is confidential and is not available to the public. The authority shall make this information available to a law enforcement officer upon request and may share this information with other toll administrative agencies as provided in section 1982. Except as provided in this subsection or as may be necessary to prove a claim for indemnification under subsection 2-A, paragraph F or to prosecute a criminal offense, this material may not be used in a court in an action or proceeding.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1982, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 339, §3, is amended to read:

§1982. Confidentiality of authority records

A log or record identifying the name, address or travel patterns of a patron of the turnpike, whether prepared for enforcement of authority tolls or other purposes of the authority, is for the exclusive use of the authority in the discharge of its duties under this chapter. This material is confidential and is not available to the public except that a law enforcement officer or a representative of an insurance company making a request for specific records in the course of conducting the officer's or representative's business may have access to this material to the extent and in the manner access to such material is afforded under Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter I. The authority may release accident and other incident reports to affected parties and may release information specific to a commuter pass account or commercial billing account to the holder of that account. The authority may disclose patron information, including information gathered by photo-monitoring devices, to other toll administrative agencies that are participating with the authority in multiple-facility, electronic, transportation-related collection systems.

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Maine Turnpike Authority to share

2 patron information with other toll agencies in order to
facilitate cooperation and interoperability between interstate
toll agencies in areas such as electronic toll collection.