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In Senate, February 20, 2003

An Act To Enhance Vistas

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative USHER of Westbrook and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, HATCH of Somerset, WOODCOCK of Franklin,
Representatives: LERMAN of Augusta, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, PARADIS of
Frenchville.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §651, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 1971, c. 593,
5 §22, is further amended to read:

6 The department ~~may~~ shall consult with each municipality
7 traversed by a state or state aid highway in order to preserve
8 and develop the natural scenic beauty along and adjacent to any
9 state or state aid highway within the boundaries of that
10 municipality, including consultation on the placement of utility
11 poles and signage, and to integrate the public improvement with
12 the aesthetics of the area traversed by the highway and. The
13 department may establish and maintain rest areas, turn-outs and
14 parking strips for the suitable accommodation of the public
15 whenever in its judgment the public exigency may require.

16 **Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §651, 5th ¶**, as amended by PL 1971, c. 593,
17 §22, is further amended to read:

18 ~~Whenever--a--municipality--directly--contributes--to--the~~
19 ~~construction--or--alteration--of--any--highway--the~~ The department
20 shall take into consideration the views of the municipal officers
21 as to the location of such any state or state aid highway
22 construction or alteration and the interests of the municipal
23 officers with respect to the natural scenic beauty along and
24 adjacent to any state or state aid highway, particularly along
25 those areas of the highway that constitute the entrance to that
26 municipality.

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30 **SUMMARY**

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32 This bill requires the Department of Transportation to
33 consult with each municipality traversed by a state or state aid
34 highway to preserve and develop the natural scenic beauty along
35 and adjacent to any state or state aid highway within the
36 boundaries of that municipality, including consultation on the
37 placement of utility poles and signage, and to integrate the
38 public improvement with the aesthetics of the area traversed by
39 the highway.

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41 The bill also requires the Department of Transportation to
42 take into consideration the views of the municipal officers as to
43 the location of state and state aid highway construction or
44 alteration and the interests of the municipal officers with
45 respect to the natural scenic beauty along and adjacent to any
46 state or state aid highway, particularly along those areas of the
47 highway that constitute the entrance to that municipality.