

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 4, 2003

### An Act To Repeal the Billboard Law

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.  
Cosponsored by Representative: CLARK of Millinocket.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§86,** as enacted by PL 1987, c.  
786, §5, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 2. 23 MRSA c. 21,** as amended, is repealed.

8 **Sec. 3. 23 MRSA c. 22** is enacted to read:

10 **CHAPTER 22**

12 **SIGNS AND INFORMATION**

14 **§1926. Signs**

16 A person may not place a sign for private or commercial  
18 purposes on public property in the State or on private property  
20 in violation of the provisions of chapter 15. A municipality may  
22 regulate the placement of a sign for private or commercial  
24 purposes placed upon private property. The municipality may  
collect a fee of \$1 per square foot of the sign per month upon  
application to the clerk of the municipality. This section does  
not supersede a local ordinance regulating signs pursuant to  
Title 30-A.

26 **§1927. Official tourist information centers**

28 To the extent funds are available or contracts can be  
30 entered into, the Commissioner of Transportation shall establish  
32 official tourist information centers near the principal entrance  
34 points into the State, as determined by the Commissioner of  
36 Transportation, with the advice and recommendation of the  
38 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, and at such  
other locations as the Commissioner of Transportation determines  
appropriate in order to provide information about public  
accommodations, facilities, commercial services and other  
businesses for the traveling public, and points of scenic,  
historic, cultural, recreational, educational and religious  
interest.

42 **SUMMARY**

44 This bill repeals the current law regarding billboards and  
46 replaces it with provisions forbidding from public property any  
48 sign for private or commercial for purposes and allows  
municipalities to regulate private or commercial signs and  
collect a fee of \$1 per square foot per month for the sign.