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An Act To Permit the Expanded Use of Changeable Signs for Governmental Entities and Public Facilities

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative SAMPSON of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and
Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, CANAVAN of Waterville, CRAVEN of
Lewiston, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, HANLEY of Gardiner, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor,
O'BRIEN of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 318, §3, is amended to read:

A. Signs of a duly constituted governmental body, a soil and water conservation district ~~or, a regional planning district, an athletic facility that seats no fewer than 1,000 and a civic, conference or convention facility that seats no fewer than 3,000;~~

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1914, sub-§11-A, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 268, §3, is amended to read:

B. The display on each side of a changeable sign:

(1) May be changed no more than once every 20 minutes. This subparagraph does not apply to the signs listed in section 1913-A, subsection 1, paragraph A;

(2) Must change as rapidly as technologically practicable, with no phasing, rolling, scrolling, flashing or blending; and

(3) May consist only of alphabetic or numeric text on a plain background and may not include any graphic, pictorial or photographic images.

SUMMARY

This bill adds civic, conference, convention and athletic facilities to the list of organizations that can erect and maintain signs without having to obtain a license or permit. The bill also exempts these organizations from the 20-minute limit on changeable signs.