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L.D. 830
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TRANSPORTATION

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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 627, L.D. 830, Bill, "An Act To Permit the Use of Pictorial Graphics and Photographs on Changeable Signs"

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph B by striking out all of subparagraph (3) (page 2, lines 1 and 2 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'(3) May consist only of alphabetic or numeric text on a plain background and may not include any graphic, pictorial or photographic images unless the municipality in which the sign is located adopts an ordinance to the contrary and notifies the Department of Transportation in writing of that ordinance. If a municipal ordinance is adopted, the municipality is responsible for the administration of that ordinance.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3.

SUMMARY

The amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, clarifies that a changeable sign may consist only of alphabetic or numeric text on a plain background and may not include any graphic, pictorial or photographic images unless the municipality in which the sign is located adopts an ordinance to the contrary. Administration of the ordinance is the responsibility of the municipality.

The amendment also strikes the repeal of the provision of law that limits displays to no more than 50% of the surface area of a changeable sign.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT