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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 17, 2009

### Resolve, To Establish a Blue Ribbon Commission To Study On-ramp Speed Limits

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and  
Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, HANLEY of Gardiner,  
HASKELL of Portland, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SIROIS of  
Turner, THERIAULT of Madawaska.

1           **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Blue Ribbon  
2 Commission To Study On-ramp Speed Limits, referred to in this resolve as "the  
3 commission," is established; and be it further

4           **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of  
5 9 members appointed as follows:

- 6           1. Four members appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:
  - 7           A. Three Senators; and
  - 8           B. One member representing the interests of sheriff departments in the State;
- 9           2. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:
  - 10           A. Three members of the House of Representatives; and
  - 11           B. One member representing the interests of municipalities; and
- 12           3. The Chief of the State Police or the chief's designee; and be it further

13           **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate  
14 chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the  
15 commission; and be it further

16           **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all  
17 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this  
18 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative  
19 Council once all appointments have been completed. Within 15 days after appointment  
20 of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission,  
21 which must be no later than November 1, 2009; and be it further

22           **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study highway on-ramp  
23 usage and determine the best methods for eliminating speeding on on-ramps and  
24 promoting proper vehicle yielding on highways; and be it further

25           **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide  
26 necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further

27           **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 2, 2009, the commission  
28 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested  
29 legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. The  
30 Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice is authorized to introduce a bill related to  
31 the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature  
32 upon receipt of the report.

## SUMMARY.

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This resolve establishes a blue ribbon commission to study highway on-ramp usage and determine the best methods for eliminating speeding on on-ramps and promoting proper vehicle yielding on highways.