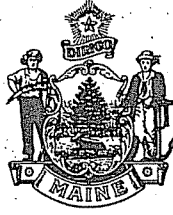


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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2010

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H.P. 1220

House of Representatives, January 6, 2010

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**An Act To Encourage Tourism by Ensuring the Safety, Accessibility  
and Availability of Highway Rest Stops and Scenic Overlooks**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative THOMAS of Ripley.

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

2 Sec. 1. 23 MRSA c. 15, sub-c. 3 is enacted to read:

3 **SUBCHAPTER 3**

4 **REST AREAS**

5 **§1411. Loitering prohibited at rest areas**

6 **1. Loitering prohibited.** A person may not loiter or remain longer than necessary to  
7 use the facilities at any rest area maintained by the Department of Transportation or the  
8 Maine Turnpike Authority.

9 For purposes of this subsection, "loiter" does not include sleeping in a motor vehicle as  
10 defined by Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 42.

11 **2. Posting.** The Department of Transportation or the Maine Turnpike Authority  
12 shall cause a copy of the prohibition in subsection 1 to be posted in a conspicuous place  
13 at all rest areas maintained by the department or the Maine Turnpike Authority.

14 **3. Violation.** A person who violates subsection 1 commits a civil violation for  
15 which a fine of \$500 for the first offense and \$1,000 for a 2nd or subsequent offense must  
16 be imposed.

17 **Sec. 2. Rest areas reopened; Sidney and Pittsfield.** The Department of  
18 Transportation shall reopen and maintain previously closed rest areas on Interstate 95  
19 southbound in the Town of Sidney and on Interstate 95 southbound and northbound in the  
20 Town of Pittsfield.

21 **Sec. 3. Scenic overlook in Medway; winter maintenance.** The Department  
22 of Transportation shall open and maintain for public use year-round, including but not  
23 limited to snow removal, the scenic overlook on Interstate 95 northbound in the Town of  
24 Medway.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 The bill prohibits loitering at rest areas maintained by the Department of  
27 Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority. The bill requires that rest areas on  
28 Interstate 95 located in Pittsfield and Sidney be reopened. The bill directs the  
29 Department of Transportation to open and maintain the scenic overlook in the Town of  
30 Medway on Interstate 95 northbound, which overlooks Mount Katahdin.