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House of Representatives, May 10, 2011

**An Act To Raise the Speed Limit on Interstate 95 between the City
of Old Town and the Town of Houlton**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative WILLETTE of Mapleton.
Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and
Representatives: CLARK of Easton, EDGECOMB of Caribou, GIFFORD of Lincoln, LONG
of Sherman, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, THERIAULT of Madawaska, WILLETTE of Presque
Isle, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2052, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and
3 affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

4 **6. Ways with speed limit of 65 or more miles per hour.** An operator driving on a
5 limited-access way with a speed limit of 65 or more miles per hour is restricted in
6 ordinary operation to the right-hand lane and may use adjacent lanes for overtaking and
7 passing another vehicle, but must return to the right-hand lane at the earliest opportunity.
8 This requirement does not apply to an authorized emergency vehicle, or to a vehicle
9 otherwise directed by posted signs, a law enforcement officer or a highway maintenance
10 crew.

11 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2073, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2
12 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

13 C. Make an adjustment of maximum rates of speed. An adjustment under this
14 paragraph is exempt from the provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

15 The commissioner may not set maximums that exceed 60 miles per hour or, on the
16 interstate system or other divided controlled-access highways, 65 miles per hour or
17 75 miles per hour on the Interstate Highway System from the City of Old Town to the
18 Town of Houlton.

19 The commissioner may not set maximums for the Maine Turnpike.

20 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2074, sub-§3-A**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 584, Pt. B, §9,
21 is amended to read:

22 **3-A. Minimum fine.** A person who operates a motor vehicle on the Maine Turnpike
23 or the Interstate Highway System at a speed that exceeds the posted speed of 65 miles per
24 hour or of 75 miles per hour on the Interstate Highway System from the City of Old
25 Town to the Town of Houlton by less than 30 miles per hour commits a traffic infraction
26 punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill raises the speed limit on Interstate 95 from 65 miles per hour to 75 miles per
29 hour on the highway from the City of Old Town to the Town of Houlton.