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# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 407

House of Representatives, February 21, 2013

**An Act To Abolish the Maine Turnpike Authority and Transfer Its  
Functions and Duties to the Department of Transportation**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CAREY of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and  
Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, PARRY of Arundel, POWERS of Naples,  
THERIAULT of Madawaska, WERTS of Auburn, Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin,  
MASON of Androscoggin, THOMAS of Somerset.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA c. 24**, as amended, is repealed.

3 **Sec. 2. Transition.** Any rights, duties, obligations and powers belonging to the  
4 Maine Turnpike Authority are transferred to and assumed by the Department of  
5 Transportation on January 1, 2015. The department shall submit a plan, together with the  
6 necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation  
7 no later than January 1, 2014 to accomplish this transition. This plan must include the  
8 mechanisms necessary for the department to assume all the rights, duties, obligations and  
9 powers of the Maine Turnpike Authority by January 1, 2015.

10 **Sec. 3. Revisor's review; cross-references.** The Revisor of Statutes shall  
11 review the Maine Revised Statutes and include in the errors and inconsistencies bill  
12 submitted to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature pursuant to Title 1,  
13 section 94 any sections necessary to correct and update any cross-references in the  
14 statutes to provisions of law repealed in this Act.

15 **Sec. 4. Effective date.** That section of this Act that repeals the Maine Revised  
16 Statutes, Title 23, chapter 24 takes effect January 1, 2015.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill abolishes the Maine Turnpike Authority and transfers its duties and the  
19 operation of the turnpike to the Department of Transportation. The department is  
20 required to submit a plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by January  
21 1, 2014 that will accomplish the transfer by January 1, 2015.