

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 7, 2017

**An Act To Authorize the Construction of a Maine Turnpike  
Connector to Gorham**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.  
Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, SIROCKI of  
Scarborough, TERRY of Gorham, VACHON of Scarborough, Senator: COLLINS of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1964, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

3 **3-A. Connector.** "Connector" means a section of highway owned by the authority  
4 for purposes of connecting the turnpike to the state highway system.

5 **Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1965, sub-§1, ¶D-2** is enacted to read:

6 D-2. Construct, maintain, reconstruct and operate a connector in Cumberland County  
7 from Route 114 in South Gorham to an interchange on the turnpike to address safety  
8 and mobility deficiencies in a manner that maximizes public safety, enhances the  
9 mobility of people and goods and minimizes adverse effects on the community in  
10 accordance with local and regional comprehensive planning;

11 **Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §1965-C** is enacted to read:

12 **§1965-C. Construction of a connector to Gorham**

13 **1. Evaluation of reasonable alternatives.** The authority and the department shall  
14 evaluate reasonable alternatives to the building of a connector to Gorham in Cumberland  
15 County from Route 114 in South Gorham to an interchange on the turnpike by  
16 completing an alternative mode feasibility study.

17 The authority in cooperation with the department shall update the evaluations with public  
18 participation to satisfy the requirements of section 73 and rules adopted pursuant to that  
19 section.

20 **2. Review of alternatives.** Upon completing the evaluation and update required  
21 under subsection 1, the authority shall determine whether the alternatives are sufficient to  
22 meet long-term regional transportation needs, to correct deficiencies and to fulfill  
23 mobility requirements of the region safely and at reasonable cost, using available  
24 technology. If the authority finds that the alternatives are not sufficient:

25 A. A final license, permit or approval necessary for construction may be issued by  
26 the appropriate state agency; and

27 B. The alternative evaluation and preference requirements of section 73 and rules  
28 adopted pursuant to that section are considered satisfied.

29 **Sec. 4. 23 MRSA §1968, sub-§2-D** is enacted to read:

30 **2-D. Bonds for construction of a connector to Gorham.** In addition to bonds  
31 outstanding pursuant to any other provision of this chapter, the authority may provide by  
32 resolution for the issuance of special obligation or subordinate bonds, including notes or  
33 other evidences of indebtedness or obligations defined to be bonds under this chapter, not  
34 exceeding \$150,000,000 in aggregate principal amount exclusive of refundings, to pay for  
35 planning, design and construction of a connector to Gorham as described in section  
36 1965-C.

