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5 **STATE OF MAINE**
6 **SENATE**
7 **131ST LEGISLATURE**
8 **FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 363, L D 866, "An Act to Improve
10 Visibility and Restore the Beauty of Maine's Roadways by Limiting Signs in the Public
11 Right-of-way"

12 Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following

13 **'An Act to Allow Municipalities to Adopt Ordinances Governing Temporary Signs'**

14 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the
15 following

16 **'Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1903, sub-§15-A,** as enacted by PL 2015, c 403, §2, is
17 amended to read

18 **15-A. Temporary sign.** "Temporary sign" means a sign bearing a noncommercial
19 message that has been placed within the public right-of-way for a limited period of time
20 and is less than 4 feet by 8 feet in size

21 **Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶G,** as amended by PL 2015, c 403, §4, is
22 further amended to read

23 G Hand-held signs not affixed to the ground or buildings, and

24 **Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶I,** as amended by PL 2015, c 403, §4, is
25 further amended to read

26 I Adopt-A-Highway Program signs allowed under section 1117, and

27 **Sec. 4. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶L,** as amended by PL 2019, c 594, §1, is
28 repealed

29 **Sec. 5. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§7** is enacted to read

30 **7. Temporary signs.** A temporary sign may not be placed in any municipality unless
31 allowed by municipal ordinance. If a municipality adopts an ordinance allowing temporary
32 signs, the municipality shall provide notice of the adopted ordinance to the Department of
33 Transportation

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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Sec. 6. 23 MRSA §1917-B, as enacted by PL 2015, c 403, §6, is amended to read
§1917-B. Unlawful removal of temporary signs

A person who takes, defaces or disturbs a sign placed within the public right-of-way in accordance with section 1913-A, ~~subsection 1, paragraph L~~ subsection 7 commits a civil violation for which a fine of up to \$250 may be adjudged. This section does not apply to a person authorized to remove signs ~~placed within the public right-of-way in accordance with section 1913-A, subsection 1, paragraph L~~ by municipal ordinance

Sec. 7. Effective date. This Act takes effect May 1, 2024 '
Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill. The amendment retains the requirement in current law that limits the size of temporary signs to less than 4 feet by 8 feet but bans the placement of temporary signs in municipalities unless allowed by municipal ordinance and requires municipalities that allow temporary signs to notify the Department of Transportation. The amendment adds an effective date of May 1, 2024.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 866

LR 1758(02)

An Act to Improve Visibility and Restore the Beauty of Maine's Roadways by Limiting Signs in the Public Right-of-way

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-88)

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Highway Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Transportation associated with this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources