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In Senate, February 24, 2023

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

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶L, as amended by PL 2019, c. 594, §1, is further amended to read:

L. Temporary If allowed by a municipal ordinance or a rule or ordinance adopted by a land use planning committee, temporary signs placed within the public right-of-way for a maximum of 12 weeks per calendar year, except that a temporary sign may not be placed within the public right-of-way for more than 6 weeks from January 1st to June 30th or for more than 6 weeks from July 1st to December 31st. A temporary sign may not be placed within 30 feet of another temporary sign bearing the same or substantially the same message. A temporary sign may not exceed 4 feet by 8 feet in size. A sign under this paragraph must include or be marked with the name and address of the individual, entity or organization that placed the sign within the public right-of-way and the date the sign was erected within the public right-of-way.

SUMMARY

This bill replaces statewide requirements for the placement and duration of installation of temporary signs within the public right-of-way with a provision that imposes the requirements only if signs are allowed by an ordinance or rule adopted by a municipality or land use planning committee.