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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
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Senate Amendment A to S. P. 625, L. D. 752, entitled: "An Act to Provide for Licenses and Permits for Outdoor Advertising."

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Amend section 1 by striking therefrom the entire section and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. License; fee. No person, firm or corporation shall after the 1st day of January next following the effective date of this act, engage or continue in the business of outdoor advertising or erect, maintain or display any painted bulletins, poster panels or other outdoor advertising devices upon property not their own or not occupied by them as a place for carrying on business other than outdoor advertising until such person, firm or corporation shall have secured from the state highway commission, hereinafter called commission, a license to engage in the business of outdoor advertising. The fee for such license shall be the sum of \$25 per year, payable annually in advance.'

Amend section 3 by striking out the first sentence of said section and inserting in place thereof the following: 'The fees for such permits shall be \$1 for each panel, bulletin or sign payable annually in advance, except that the fee for such panel, bulletin or sign as shall be required to be relocated as elsewhere provided in this act shall not be payable until so relocated.' And further amend section 3 by striking therefrom the third sentence thereof.

Amend section 6 by striking therefrom the figures "500" in the 3rd line thereof and the figures "75" in the 9th line and inserting in place thereof respectively the figures '300' and '50'. And further amend said section by adding thereto the following sentence: **'Each person, firm or corporation maintaining any structures, devices or displays which are now located within 50 feet from the nearer line of the travelled way of a public highway and in public view therefrom shall relocate said structures, devices or displays in accordance with the provisions of this section, at least 30% of said structures, devices or displays shall be relocated each year and all of said structures, devices or displays shall be relocated within 3 years and 6 months from the effective date of this act.'**

Amend section 8 by striking the entire section and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Sec. 8. Removal of structure.** When in its judgment the public welfare requires it the commission may order a hearing for the removal of any such outdoor advertising structure, device or display by causing a copy of the order for hearing to be mailed by registered mail to the holder of the permit therefor to the residence or place of business appearing in the application for such permit or to the person, firm or corporation owning or controlling such structure, device or display at least 30 days prior to the date of said hearing and if, after due hearing, the said commission shall order said structure, device or display removed and if said order shall not be complied with within 30 days thereafter, the commission may remove said structure, device or display and recover the expense thereof from the holder of the permit or person, firm or corporation owning or controlling said structure, device or display, and said commission may remove without hearing any structure, device or display for which no application has been filed and for permit granted as required by this act and may recover the expense as aforesaid. The state highway police, and the police officers of any municipality and the peace officers of any county or township shall, at the request of the commission, remove or cause to be removed any such structure, device, or display the removal of which it shall have ordered as aforesaid.'