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Taken from the table on motion by Senator Denny of Lincoln, and on further motion by the same Senator referred to Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Davis of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Prohibiting Erection of Billboards Adjacent to Turnpikes.

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

R. S., c. 20, § 122-A, additional. Chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 122-A, to read as follows:

Sec. 122-A. Restrictions on signs and billboards adjacent to turnpikes. In order to better safeguard the interests and investments of the state and its people in the state turnpike system, to afford a greater measure of protection to the users of the turnpike by elimination of dangerous hazards, to best maintain the turnpikes for the welfare of society, and to prevent the unrestricted use of signs and advertising structures and devices immediately adjacent to them, no person shall erect or maintain within 500 feet of the nearest right of way boundary line of any state turnpike any advertising sign or advertising structures or devices of any kind. As used in this section "advertising sign or advertising structure or device" shall be deemed to mean any advertising structure, sign, picture, word or device for the advertisement thereon or thereby of any commodity, service, or

thing. The provisions of this section shall not apply to signs erected or maintained upon property in connection with a business conducted thereon, provided that such signs have an area of not more than 24 square feet, do not extend more than 15 feet above the ground level, and are placed on the fronts of buildings. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.'