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## NINETY - EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 763

House of Representatives, February 28, 1957

Received by unanimous consent. Referred to the Committee on Highways.  
Sent up for concurrence and 1,500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Miller of Portland.

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### STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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#### **AN ACT Prohibiting Distracting Signs Upon Public Ways.**

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

**R. S., c. 23, § 150-A, additional.** Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 150-A, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 150-A. Distracting signs upon public ways, prohibited.** In order to afford a greater measure of public safety to people traveling upon the public ways and highways and to eliminate distracting influences to the operators of motor vehicles and to best promote the safety and welfare of society, no person shall publicly display and maintain any advertising sign relating to the price of any merchandise, commodity, product or service where such sign is designated to attract the attention of any motorist while operating a motor vehicle or traveling upon any public way. Any such sign which is larger than 12 inches in any single dimension and which is located within 200 feet of the traveled portion of any public way is prima facie presumed to attract the attention of a motorist traveling upon the way. This section is not intended to modify or affect existing law relating to billboards as set forth in this chapter.'