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**No. 1626**

H. P. 1118

House of Representatives, October 28, 1957

The Committee on Judiciary suggested.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Browne of Bangor.

**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Relating to Penalties on Maine Turnpike.**

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

**P. & S. L., 1941, c. 69, § 19, amended.** Section 19 of chapter 69 of the private and special laws of 1941 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 19. Penalty.** Any violation of published rules and regulations relating to the turnpike, its use or services or any failure or neglect to pay tolls, fares or charges for use of the turnpike or other services made available in connection with said turnpike, shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding ~~\$10~~ **\$50** ~~providing, however,~~ **provided** that nothing herein contained shall prevent the authority from collecting payment for use of the turnpike or any other service in connection with said turnpike by action at law or in equity.'

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Chapter 69 of the Private and Special laws of 1941 which created the Turnpike Authority provided that the Authority might make rules and regulations with reference to the operation of motor vehicles over the Turnpike and provided that any violation of such published rules and regulations would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$10.

The Turnpike Authority by rule and regulation fixed the speed limit on the Turnpike. The maximum fine any court can impose for this offense has been \$10. This bill increases the maximum fine to \$50 so that the courts may impose a penalty more nearly in keeping with the severity of the offense.