

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 23: TRANSPORTATION**  
**Chapter 21: MAINE TRAVELER INFORMATION SERVICES**

**§1913-A. CATEGORICAL SIGNS**

**1. Signs within the public right-of-way.** The following signs may be erected and maintained within the public right-of-way without license or permit as long as they conform to applicable provisions of this Title and rules adopted pursuant to this Title:

- A. Signs bearing noncommercial messages erected by a duly constituted governmental body, a soil and water conservation district or a regional planning district; [2015, c. 403, §4 (AMD).]
- B. Signs located on or in the rolling stock of common carriers, except those that are determined by the commissioner to be circumventing the intent of this chapter. Circumvention includes, but is not limited to, signs that are continuously in the same location or signs that extend beyond the height, width or length of the vehicle; [2013, c. 529, §8 (AMD).]
- C. Signs on registered and inspected motor vehicles, except those that are determined by the commissioner to be circumventing the intent of this chapter. Circumvention includes, but is not limited to, signs that are continuously in the same location or signs that extend beyond the height, width or length of the vehicle; [2013, c. 529, §8 (AMD).]
- D. Signs with an area of not more than 260 square inches identifying stops or fare zone limits of motor buses; [2013, c. 529, §8 (AMD).]
- E. [2015, c. 403, §4 (RP).]
- F. [2015, c. 403, §4 (RP).]
- G. Hand-held signs not affixed to the ground or buildings; [2015, c. 403, §4 (AMD).]
- H. [2015, c. 403, §4 (RP).]
- I. Adopt-A-Highway Program signs allowed under section 1117; and [2015, c. 403, §4 (AMD).]
- J. [2015, c. 403, §4 (RP).]
- K. [2015, c. 403, §4 (RP).]
- L. Temporary signs placed within the public right-of-way for a maximum of 6 weeks per calendar year. 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 be labeled with the name and address of the individual, entity or organization that placed the sign within the public right-of-way and the designated time period the sign will be maintained within the public right-of-way. [2015, c. 403, §4 (NEW).]

[2015, c. 403, §4 (AMD) .]

**2. Types of signs outside the right-of-way.**

[2015, c. 403, §4 (RP) .]

**2-A. Signs outside the public right-of-way.** Except as provided in section 1914, a sign may be erected and maintained outside the public right-of-way as long as it does not exceed 50 square feet in size.

[2015, c. 403, §4 (NEW) .]

**3. Regulations.**

[ 2013, c. 529, §8 (RP) .]

**4. Zones.**

[ 2015, c. 403, §4 (RP) .]

**5. Prohibited practices.** None of the signs referred to in this section may be erected or maintained on any traffic control signs or devices, public utility poles or fixtures or upon any trees. None of these signs may be painted or drawn upon rocks or other natural features.

[ 1981, c. 318, §3 (NEW) .]

**6. Interstate system.** None of the signs referred to in this section, other than signs conforming with subsection 1, paragraphs B and C and logo signs erected pursuant to section 1912-B, may be located within the right-of-way limits of the interstate system or within 660 feet of the nearest edge of the interstate system and erected in such a fashion that the message may be read from the interstate highway.

[ 1995, c. 416, §2 (AMD) .]

## SECTION HISTORY

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