An Act To Allow Signs in a Public Right-of-way To Be Removed by the Landowner

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

Sec. 1.  23 MRSA §1917-B, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 403, §6, is amended to read:

§1917-B.  Unlawful removal of temporary signs

A person who takes, defaces or disturbs a sign placed within the public right-of-way in accordance with section 1913-A, subsection 1, paragraph L commits a civil violation for which a fine of up to $250 may be adjudged.  This section does not apply to a person authorized to remove signs placed within the public right-of-way in accordance with section 1913-A, subsection 1, paragraph L.  This section does not apply to an owner of land adjacent to a public right-of-way within which a temporary sign has been placed.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that an owner of land adjacent to a public right-of-way within which a temporary sign has been placed does not commit a civil violation for taking, defacing or disturbing the temporary sign.