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**An Act to Improve Visibility and Restore the Beauty of Maine's
Roadways by Limiting Signs in the Public Right-of-way**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶L**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 594, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 L. ~~Temporary~~ If allowed by a municipal ordinance or a rule or ordinance adopted by
5 a land use planning committee, temporary signs placed within the public right-of-way
6 for a maximum of 12 weeks per calendar year, except that a temporary sign may not
7 be placed within the public right-of-way for more than 6 weeks from January 1st to
8 June 30th or for more than 6 weeks from July 1st to December 31st. A temporary sign
9 may not be placed within 30 feet of another temporary sign bearing the same or
10 substantially the same message. A temporary sign may not exceed 4 feet by 8 feet in
11 size. A sign under this paragraph must include or be marked with the name and address
12 of the individual, entity or organization that placed the sign within the public right-of-
13 way and the date the sign was erected within the public right-of-way.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill replaces statewide requirements for the placement and duration of installation
16 of temporary signs within the public right-of-way with a provision that imposes the
17 requirements only if signs are allowed by an ordinance or rule adopted by a municipality
18 or land use planning committee.