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House of Representatives, January 25, 2021

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative KINNEY of Knox.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, GRIFFIN of Levant, MORRIS  
of Turner.

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

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

3 **§1917-B. Unlawful removal of temporary signs**

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

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#### SUMMARY

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