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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Require a Municipality To Maintain a
Public Easement on Which a Mail Route Exists'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §3202** is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 3202. Mail routes; snow fences

If a municipality holds a public easement over which there is a mail route, it is the responsibility of that municipality to keep the mail route to the standard required by United States Postal Service regulations. The municipal officers of a town, or any road commissioner under their direction, may take down a fence upon the line of a public highway when the municipal officers consider it necessary to prevent the drifting of snow onto the public highway, but the fence must be replaced, in due season and in as good condition as when taken down, without expense to the owner.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. This amendment removes the section of the bill relating to maintenance of public easements if retained or not retained at the time of discontinuance. It replaces "right-of-way" with "public easement" in the mail route section and retains current statutory language regarding the removal of snow fences by a municipality.