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An Act To Ensure Pedestrian Safety in Roundabouts

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1353 is enacted to read:

§ 1353. Installation of crosswalks at high-use roundabouts

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Average annual daily traffic" means the average annual daily traffic as determined by the department using accepted engineering practices.

B. "Crosswalk" has the same meaning as in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices published by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration under 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 655, Subpart F as adopted by the department.

C. "High-use roundabout" means a roundabout with an average annual daily traffic of over 10,000 motor vehicles.

D. "Roundabout" has the same meaning as in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices published by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration under 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 655, Subpart F as adopted by the department.

2. Crosswalks; high-use roundabouts. The department shall whenever practicable install a crosswalk at a high-use roundabout on any state highway at least 150 feet from the edge of the roundabout. The crosswalk marking must comply with the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices published by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration under 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 655, Subpart F as adopted by the department.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to install whenever practicable a crosswalk at a high-use roundabout on a state highway at least 150 feet from the edge of the roundabout.