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**An Act To Eliminate Outdated Provisions of the Laws Governing  
the Maine Turnpike Authority**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Robert B. Hunt*  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.  
Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1961, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 793, Pt. A, §6, is  
3 repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1965, sub-§1, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 270, §1, is  
5 further amended to read:

6 D. Construct, maintain, reconstruct and operate a toll turnpike from a point at or near  
7 Kittery in York County to a point at or near Augusta in Kennebec County, except that  
8 the traveled way may not be widened or expanded beyond 3 lanes for each direction  
9 of travel from the southern terminus of the turnpike to mile marker 53 and beyond 2  
10 lanes for each direction of travel elsewhere on the turnpike without the express  
11 approval of the Legislature.

12 ~~Except as provided in section 1965-A, a~~ A license, permit or approval necessary for  
13 the widening or expansion of the turnpike may not be issued by any state agency  
14 unless that agency makes an affirmative finding that the widening or expansion is  
15 consistent with state transportation policy, as established in section 73, as well as  
16 rules implementing that policy;

17 **Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §1965, sub-§1, ¶P**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 595, §3, is  
18 amended to read:

19 P. Provide from revenues to or for the use of the department funds for the  
20 maintenance, construction or reconstruction of interchanges ~~determined pursuant to~~  
21 ~~section 1974, subsection 3~~, for which the authority has not otherwise provided;

22 **Sec. 4. 23 MRSA §1965-A**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 493, Pt. A, §2 and  
23 affected by §3, is repealed.

24 **Sec. 5. 23 MRSA §1966, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 457, §4, is repealed.

25 **Sec. 6. 23 MRSA §1969, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. MM,  
26 §8, is further amended to read:

27 C. To the payment of the costs of constructing or reconstructing interchanges that are  
28 determined by the Department of Transportation and the authority to have a sufficient  
29 relationship to the public's use of the turnpike and the orderly regulation and flow of  
30 traffic on the turnpike ~~in accordance with the requirements of section 1974,~~  
31 ~~subsection 3~~;

32 **Sec. 7. 23 MRSA §1974, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 9, Pt. E, §16, is  
33 repealed.

34 **SUMMARY**

35 This bill repeals certain provisions of law governing the Maine Turnpike Authority,  
36 or "the authority." Specifically, this bill:

- 1           1. Repeals language regarding the payment on bonds that was required and made in  
2           1982;
- 3           2. Repeals a provision concerning the process for widening the Maine Turnpike  
4           south of mile 44;
- 5           3. Repeals language requiring the authority, on a semiannual basis, to report to the  
6           Legislative Council on the authority's activities for the preceding half of the fiscal year ;
- 7           4. Repeals language regarding the policy for authorizing additional exchanges; and
- 8           5. Corrects cross-references to the repealed language.