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House of Representatives, January 20, 2011

**An Act To Allow the Placement of Certain Road Signs That
Advertise a Small Business**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative DAVIS of Sangerville.
Cosponsored by Senator THOMAS of Somerset and
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CRAFTS of Lisbon, CRAY of Palmyra, FREDETTE of
Newport, GIFFORD of Lincoln, HANLEY of Gardiner, Senators: COURTNEY of York,
TRAHAN of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶H**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 152, Pt. G,
3 §2, is further amended to read:

4 H. Signs bearing political messages relating to an election, primary or referendum,
5 ~~provided except~~ that these signs may not be placed within the right-of-way prior to 6
6 weeks before the election, primary or referendum to which they relate and must be
7 removed by the candidate or political committee not later than one week thereafter;
8 ~~and~~

9 **Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶I**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 152, Pt. G, §3,
10 is amended to read:

11 I. Adopt-A-Highway Program signs allowed under section 1117; and

12 **Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶J** is enacted to read:

13 J. Signs advertising a person or business that employs fewer than 10 persons. Each
14 such person or business is limited to one sign, which may not exceed in size 4 feet by
15 4 feet. This sign may be erected only on private property upon the authorization of
16 the property owner and must be within one mile of the place of business.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill allows a person or business that employs fewer than 10 persons to place a
19 sign on private property within one mile of the place of business without a license or
20 permit.