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H.P. 1096

House of Representatives, February 25, 2016

**An Act To Allow the Placement of Road Signs Advertising Events  
That Benefit Certain Organizations and Allow Free Admission to  
Military Personnel**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.  
Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and  
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, MAKER of Calais, TUELL of East Machias, Senator:  
KATZ of Kennebec.

1           **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not  
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3           **Whereas,** this legislation allows philanthropic and other similar organizations to  
4 erect signs in the public right-of-way announcing certain fund-raising events; and

5           **Whereas,** some fund-raising events that benefit these organizations are held in late  
6 spring and early summer; and

7           **Whereas,** the 90-day period may expire after these fund-raising events are held; and

8           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within  
9 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as  
10 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
11 therefore,

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

13           **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶¶J and K,** as enacted by PL 2013, c. 529,  
14 §8, are amended to read:

15           J. Signs erected by a producer that direct travelers to the location where farm and  
16 food products, as defined in Title 7, section 415, subsection 1, paragraph B, are  
17 grown, produced and sold. A producer that sells farm and food products from a  
18 location with frontage on a numbered state highway may not erect a sign pursuant to  
19 this paragraph adjacent to that highway. A sign must be directional in nature, may  
20 not exceed 8 square feet in size and must be located within 5 miles of where the farm  
21 and food product is sold. A producer may not erect more than 4 signs pursuant to this  
22 paragraph, and the total number of signs erected by that producer pursuant to this  
23 paragraph and section 1911, subsection 2 may not exceed 6; ~~and~~

24           K. Signs erected for a farmers' market, as defined in Title 7, section 415, subsection  
25 1, paragraph A, as long as the signs are directional in nature. A farmers' market may  
26 not erect more than 4 signs pursuant to this paragraph, and the total number of signs  
27 erected by that farmers' market pursuant to this paragraph and section 1911,  
28 subsection 2 may not exceed 6. A farmers' market may erect a banner over a public  
29 way if the farmers' market obtains municipal approval and complies with rules  
30 adopted pursuant to this chapter; and

31           **Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶L** is enacted to read:

32           L. Signs erected by a public, civic, philanthropic, charitable or religious organization  
33 announcing a fund-raising event for that organization at which active and retired  
34 military personnel and the families of military personnel are permitted entry free of  
35 charge.

36           **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this  
37 legislation takes effect when approved.

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## **SUMMARY**

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This bill allows a public, civic, philanthropic, charitable or religious organization to erect signs in the public right-of-way that announce a fund-raising event for that organization at which military personnel, active and retired, and the families of military personnel are permitted entry free of charge.