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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 742, L.D. 1059, Bill, "An Act Concerning Bridges on Discontinued Town Ways"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §566, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Proposed discontinuance of town ways; bridges. If pursuant to section 3026-A a municipality or county proposes to discontinue a town way or public easement with a bridge, the municipality or county shall negotiate with and enter into an agreement with the department to remove the bridge or transfer ownership of the bridge to a municipality, county or state agency upon discontinuance of the town way or public easement.

Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §3026-A, sub-§2, ¶B-1 is enacted to read:

B-1. The location of any bridge, as defined in section 562, subsection 2, on the town way or public easement and the status of negotiations with the department with respect to the disposition of the bridge pursuant to section 566, subsection 3-A.'

SUMMARY

This amendment requires a municipality or county that proposes to discontinue a town way or public easement with a bridge to negotiate with and enter into an agreement with the department to remove the bridge or transfer ownership of the bridge to a municipality, county or state agency upon discontinuance of the town way or public easement.

The amendment also requires that an order of discontinuance of a town way or public easement filed with the municipal clerk must specify the location of any bridge under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation on the town way or public easement and the status of negotiations with respect to the disposition of the bridge.

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