

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN

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H.P. 742 - L.D. 1059

An Act Concerning Bridges on Discontinued Town Ways

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §563, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 314, §2 and affected by §4, is amended to read:

The department shall inspect all structures on public ways.

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;