

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-548)
110TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 650, L.D. 1676, Bill, "AN ACT to Continue the Maine Turnpike Authority."

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated subsection "§316." by striking out all of/ 6 and inserting in its place the following:

'6. Revenues for access roads and interchanges. The authority shall provide turnpike revenues to the department for maintenance, construction or reconstruction of interconnecting access roads or interchanges, provided that the department shall first determine that the interconnecting access roads or interchanges have or would have a sufficient relationship to the public's use of the turnpike and the orderly regulation and flow of vehicular traffic using the turnpike so that the use of the turnpike revenues is warranted to pay all or any portion of the cost of maintaining or constructing the access roads or interchanges. In making the determination of whether a sufficient relationship exists, the department shall consider the following factors, no one of which may necessarily be determinative:

- A. The relative number of vehicles using access roads or the way to or from the turnpike;
- B. The availability of alternative roads to or from the turnpike;
- C. The effect of such maintenance, construction or reconstruction will have on the flow of traffic to, from and on the turnpike and in diverting vehicular traffic

onto, off or away from the turnpike;

D. The probable effect of the failure of the authority to pay or assist in the payment of the costs of the maintenance, construction or reconstruction;

E. The probable availability of turnpike revenues to make such payments and such other factors, including expert opinion, that the department may, in its discretion, deem relevent; and

F. Priority shall be given to the construction of access roads or interchanges which will promote industrial and economic development of communities adjacent to or near the turnpike whose present lack of access tends to discourage that development. The first priority for the use of available toll revenues shall be for new or a modification of present interchanges and access roads to provide the necessary access for the development of industrial parks in Lewiston and Auburn. The authority and the department shall make every effort to begin construction or modification of interchanges by January 1, 1985.

In no event shall the authority pay the whole or any portion of the cost of maintenance, construction or reconstruction of access roads for more than 10 road miles from the turnpike or for more than the extent the department determines is necessary to achieve an orderly flow of vehicular traffic to and from the turnpike over the access roads.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment transfers the responsibility for determining the use of excess toll revenues for both access roads and interchanges from the Maine Turnpike Authority to the Department of Transportation.

This amendment also directs the department to give priority for the use of revenues to construction or modification of existing interchanges and access roads to the Lewiston and Auburn areas.

Filed by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.
Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk
of the House.