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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 455, L.D. 618, Bill, "An Act to Make Allocations from the Transportation Safety Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Make Allocations from the Transportation Safety Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999 and to Accelerate the Starting Date of the State Police Training Academy'

Further amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

PART A

Sec. A-1. 29-A MRSA §561, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 1995, c. 273, §1, is further amended to read:

A. There must be allocated to the Department of Public Safety for the State Police no more than \$2,200,000 \$2,800,000 in fiscal year 1995-96 1997-98 and \$2,300,000 \$2,600,000 in fiscal year 1996-97 1998-99 for duties imposed by this chapter and Title 35-A and for related activities.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

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PART B

Sec. B-1. Nonlapsing funds. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$145,546 of unencumbered balance remaining on June 30, 1997 in the Highway Fund State Police program in the Department of Public Safety may not lapse but must be carried forward to June 30, 1998 to be used in accordance with section 2 of this Part.

Sec. B-2. Maine State Police Training Academy. The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to allot \$145,546 made available through section 1 of this Part by financial order, upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and the approval of the Governor, in order to accelerate the start date of the Maine State Police Training Academy to no sooner than July 1, 1997. The commissioner may not start the academy between July 1, 1997 and September 8, 1997 unless the carry forward balance under section 1 of this Part is at least \$145,546.'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by striking out all of the fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

FISCAL NOTE

	1997-98	1998-99
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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

Other Funds	\$3,392,080	\$3,230,357
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This bill includes Transportation Safety Fund allocations of \$3,392,080 and \$3,230,357 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively, for the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit within the Department of Public Safety and the Single Point Contact Program within the Department of the Secretary of State. These allocations provide funds for administration and enforcement of the commercial driver license laws.

Base revenues, estimated at \$3,800,000 and \$4,130,000 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively, are sufficient to fund the allocations in this bill.

This bill also authorizes \$145,546 of the unencumbered balance remaining as of June 30, 1997 within the Highway Fund State Police program to carry forward to allow the Maine State

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Police Training Academy to begin as early as July 1, 1997 instead
of September 8, 1997. Unless the carry forward balance is at
least \$145,546, the Maine State Police Training Academy may not
start.

If \$145,546 is carried forward within the Highway Fund State
Police program and the Maine State Police Training Academy begins
early, the General Fund cost is estimated at \$87,094 in fiscal
year 1997-98. Sufficient General Fund appropriations remain
within that program since the General Fund savings associated
with the delay of the Maine State Police Training Academy by
Public Law 1997, chapter 25 was not deappropriated.'

SUMMARY

This amendment sets the appropriate cap for the Department
of Public Safety, accelerates the starting date of the Maine
State Police Training Academy and replaces the fiscal note.

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