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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

**AN ACT to Make Allocations from the General Highway Fund for the
Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1954, and June 30, 1955.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves passed by the legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of the state highway commission will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 1953; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for and preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Allocation of general highway fund. Income to the general highway fund for the next two fiscal years—from July 1, 1953 to June 30,

1954, and from July 1, 1954, to June 30, 1955—shall be segregated, apportioned, and expended as designated in the following schedules:

Department	1953-54	1954-55
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		
Highway Administration	\$ 516,337	\$ 539,869
Topographic Mapping	10,000	10,000
Secretary of State—Motor Vehicle Div.	449,324	450,530
Automobile Registration Building	14,077	12,445
Radio Operation	52,056	42,723
Island Refunds—Registrations	7,500	7,500
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		
State Police Administration	960,776	965,375
State Police Headquarters	11,648	11,535
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES		
Contingent Expenses	151,350	151,350
Construction and Reconstruction State Aid Roads	1,739,200	1,739,200
Bridge Maintenance	460,575	460,575
Construction of Picnic Areas	25,000	25,000
Traffic Services	150,000	150,000
Maintenance of State and State Aid Roads	6,603,500	6,603,500
Town Road Improvement Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000
Compensation for Injuries	50,000	50,000
Snow Removal	2,439,000	2,439,000
Grade Crossing Protection	20,000	20,000
Bridge Construction	809,000	809,000
Highway Construction—State and Federal	4,670,000	5,000,000
BOND RETIREMENT	1,719,000	1,811,500
BOND INTEREST	746,590	697,980
CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS		
To General Fund:		
Accounting Services	52,300	52,300
Auditing Services	4,200	4,200
Purchasing Services	1,425	2,075
Legal Services	12,000	12,000
Bureau of Taxation, administration of Gasoline and Use Fuel Tax	40,979	40,936
To Other Special Revenue Funds:		
Auditing Services	5,500	5,750
To Trust and Agency Funds:		
Employees' Retirement System—Pension	210,867	208,600

Department	1953-54	1954-55
Employees' Retirement System—Expense	4,000	4,100
To Working Capital Funds:		
Purchase and Installation of Equipment and		
Materials for Production Registration Plates	60,000	—
Total Legislative Allocations	\$22,996,204	\$23,327,043

Sec. 2. Flood damage. There is further apportioned the sum of \$250,000 to be immediately available for the purpose of aiding in repairing the damage caused to town ways by the floods that occurred during the last week of March, 1953. The towns and the state shall share equally in the cost of the repair, and the money shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the state highway commission.

Sec. 3. Reduction in revenue. In the event that actual revenue receipts are less than the estimated revenue projected for either year of the biennium ending June 30, 1955, the state highway commission, with the approval of the governor and council, shall reduce the funds herein allocated for new construction of highways, except those highways which may be determined by the state highway commission and the governor and council to be vital for national security purposes. The reduction in allocations to be such as to offset, as nearly as possible, the reduction in revenue.

Sec. 4. Allocation of the unappropriated general highway fund surplus. The unappropriated general highway fund surplus, with the approval of the governor and council, may be apportioned by the state highway commission for any of the purposes set forth in section 1 hereof.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.