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In Senate, April 28, 1953.

Reported by Senator Greeley of Waldo from Committee on Highways and printed under Joint Rules No. 10.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Town's Share for State Aid Reconstruction.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 20, § 29-A, additional. Chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered section 29-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 29-A. State aid reconstruction. If any town shall in a single year increase its appropriation for state aid roads to an amount of 4 times the maximum amount which it may annually appropriate under the provisions of section 25 for use only in reconstructing improved state aid highways that are maintained by the state, the commission shall from any balance of said fund for state aid highways, and subject to the provisions of section 30, apportion a like increase of state aid.

Towns availing themselves of the provisions of this section shall, in the same year, receive no other money under the provisions of sections 25, 27 and 29.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 20, § 49, amended. Section 49 of chapter 20 of the revised statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 49. Towns to maintain state and state aid highways in compact or built up sections. Except as otherwise provided, all state and state aid

highways within compact or built up sections of towns having a population of 5,000 and over, as determined by the commission, shall be maintained in good repair by the town wherein the same are located at the expense of the town and whenever any town shall neglect so to maintain within 14 days after notice given its municipal officers by the commission, the commission may proceed to make necessary repairs to such way, which shall be paid for by the state and the cost thereof shall be collected and paid as provided in section 31; and the amounts so collected from such towns shall be added to the fund for maintenance of state and state aid highways. The commission may in respect thereto grant such towns such financial assistance as it deems advisable.'

Sec. 3. Legislative intent. It is the intent of the legislature that towns may anticipate the provisions of this act and make such appropriations and expenditures as they deem advisable in such anticipation, and that the provisions of this act shall apply to such appropriations and expenditures made before the effective date of this act.