

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 256

S. P. 92

In Senate, January 20, 1971

Referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Greeley of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Make Allocations from the General Highway Fund for the
Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1972 and June 30, 1973.**

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, 1971; 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 the 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 2 fiscal years—from July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1972 and from July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973—shall be segregated, apportioned and expended as designated in the following schedules:

Department	1971-72	1972-73
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		
Administrative Services		
Accounting	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
Auditing—General Fund	10,000	10,000
Purchasing	2,615	2,671
Administration of Gasoline and Use Fuel Tax	132,914	134,372
Auditing—Special Revenue	8,000	8,000
Secretary of State—Motor Vehicle Division	2,355,199	1,703,427
Maintenance of Motor Vehicle Building	53,213	53,266
Land Damage Board	58,030	58,262
Scenic Highway Board	1,500	1,500
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		
Topographic Mapping	10,000	10,000
Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission	1,500	1,700
Maintenance of Police Headquarters and Garage	34,068	34,057
State Police	3,636,896	3,662,399
Motor Vehicle Inspection	92,484	63,436
Highway Safety Committee	64,154	64,471
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES		
Administration		
Administration	2,265,000	2,306,000
Radio Operations	107,512	81,257
Highway Planning Survey	559,000	585,000
Compensation for Injuries	92,000	92,000
Construction		
State Aid Construction and Reconstruction—Hardship Cases ..	500,000	500,000
Grade Crossing Protection	10,000	10,000
Bridge Construction	1,430,000	1,650,000
Highway Construction—State-Federal	3,943,000	3,543,000
Maintenance		
Bridge Maintenance	1,831,500	1,861,500
Traffic Services	1,489,813	1,451,583
Maintenance of State and State Aid Highways	12,400,000	12,600,000
Town Road Improvement Fund	1,250,000	1,250,000
Removal of Snow from Highways ...	9,900,000	10,000,000
Other		
Access Roads Ski Areas	25,000	25,000
Island Refunds	16,000	16,000
Construction of Picnic Areas	100,000	100,000

Department	1971-72	1972-73
MISCELLANEOUS		
Debt Service		
Retirement of Bonds	370,000	2,320,000
Interest on Bonds	2,361,018	2,355,433
Employess		
Employees Salary Fund	3,715,000	3,715,000
Retirement System		
Retirement Expense	15,473	15,473
Pensions	1,401,191	1,423,533
Jonesport-Beals Bridge	39,344	40,331
	\$50,401,424	\$51,868,671
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS		

Amounting to \$50,401,424 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972 and \$51,868,671 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973.

Sec. 2. 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 and for the construction and reconstruction of state aid roads. There is allocated from the Unappropriated General Highway Fund Surplus \$6,000,000 for bond retirement which shall be segregated, apportioned and expended as designated in the following schedule:

Debt Retirement	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000
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Sec. 3. Allocation for special state aid construction. The allocation for state aid construction (special) shall be apportioned to the 16 counties on the basis of the number of miles of improved and unimproved designated state aid highways located within each county not on the federal system, such apportionments to be expended by the State Highway Commission on sections of improved state aid highways where, because of excessive maintenance or hazardous conditions, reconstruction is desirable; and for construction of unimproved sections of state aid highways located between improved sections in instances where the public use and safety require such construction.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act, as recommended in the Executive Budget, allocates money from the General Highway Fund for the next biennium to operate the State Highway Commission and agencies with related functions. Section 2 allocates \$6,000,000 of the General Highway Fund surplus for bond retirement.