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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, June 6, 1973

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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT to Make Allocations from the Highway Fund for the Fiscal Years  
Ending June 30, 1974 and June 30, 1975.**

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**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 departments and agencies will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 1973; 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 Highway Fund.** Undedicated income to the Highway Fund for the next two fiscal years — from July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974 and from July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975 — shall be segregated, apportioned and expended as designated in the following schedules:

DEPARTMENT—Account—Budget Page No.	1973-74	1974-75
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION		
Bureau of Administration		
Administration—422	\$ 2,790,000	\$ 2,885,000

DEPARTMENT—Account—Budget Page No.	1973-74	1974-75
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—continued		
Administrative Services (other Departments)		
Accounting—423	120,000	120,000
Auditing		
General Fund—424	12,000	12,000
Special Revenue Fund—425	10,000	10,000
Purchasing—426	2,755	2,888
Administration of Gasoline and Use		
Fuel Tax—427	160,126	161,314
Compensation for Injuries—428	208,390	219,400
Debt Service		
Interest on Highway Fund Bonds—429	3,179,511	3,633,725
Debt Retirement—		
Highway Fund Bonds—430	2,125,000	3,640,000
Employees Salary Plan—431	1,684,159	3,428,859
Survivor Benefits, Additional—432	154,589	158,763
Topographical Mapping—436	10,000	10,000
Bureau of Transportation Planning and Services		
Planning Survey—437	690,000	773,000
Safety—438	98,000	87,000
Bureau of Highways		
Access Roads—Ski Areas—441	25,000	25,000
Bridge Construction—442	2,195,000	2,230,000
Bridge Maintenance—443	2,400,000	2,400,000
Grade Crossing Protection—445	10,000	10,000
Highway Construction		
State and Federal—446	7,300,000	2,000,000
Construction and Reconstruction of		
State Aid Roads (Additional)	200,000	300,000
State Aid Construction and Reconstruction,		
Hardship Cases—448	750,000	750,000
Highway Maintenance—449	15,500,000	17,500,000
Island Refund—450	19,000	21,000
Picnic Areas—452	90,000	95,000
Radio Operations—453	110,930	110,675
Town Road Improvement—455	1,500,000	1,500,000
Traffic Services—456	1,675,000	1,725,000
Winter Maintenance—457	11,912,750	12,649,250
Other Agencies		
Land Damage Board—459	82,900	84,912
Secretary of State		
Motor Vehicle—460	2,224,373	2,229,602
Motor Vehicle Buildings,		
Maintenance of—461	56,265	56,644
Public Safety, Department of		
Administration—464	4,723,805	4,769,095

DEPARTMENT—Account—Budget Page No.	1973-74	1974-75
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—continued		
Maintenance of State Police Headquarters and Garage—465	39,260	39,184
Motor Vehicle Inspection—466	108,422	88,376
	\$62,167,235	\$63,725,687
Total Allocations		

Amounting to \$62,167,235 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974 and \$63,725,687 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975.

**Sec. 2. Allocation of the Unappropriated Highway Fund Surplus.** The Unappropriated Highway Fund Surplus with the approval of the Governor and Council, may be apportioned by the Department of Transportation 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 Highway Fund Surplus \$4,900,000 for bond retirement which shall be segregated, apportioned and expended as designated in the following schedule:

	1973-74	1974-75
Debt Retirement—Highway Fund Bonds	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 1,800,000

**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 Department of Transportation 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.

**Sec. 4. Effective date.** Chapter 168 of the public laws of 1973 shall become effective July 1, 1973.

**Sec. 5. P. L., 1973, c. 277, § 2, amended.** The last sentence of section 2 of chapter 277 of the public laws of 1973 is amended to read as follows:

Any balance on June 30, ~~1974~~ 1973, shall carry forward until the purpose for which the appropriation is made shall be accomplished.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides the allocations to determine the Highway Program for the biennium beginning July 1, 1973. The proposed program has been in-

creased to provide for \$2,300,000 of additional maintenance resurfacing which should result in an estimated additional 550 to 600 miles of resurfacing during the biennium.

Reductions over the originally proposed budget have been made in the areas of construction, winter maintenance, bridge construction, traffic services and other adjustments have been made as desirable.

Several other Legislative Documents relating to increased winter maintenance reimbursements to the towns and cities and improvements in state aid programs are also reflected in the overall allocations.

Additional allocations for construction activities to provide for a complete highway program will be contained in other legislation.