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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR.

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**AN ACT to Create a Task Force to Evaluate the Financing of Transportation  
Programs in the State of Maine.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the existing national energy crisis is significantly affecting the amount of motor vehicle travel in the State of Maine; and

Whereas, the highway program in the State of Maine is largely supported from revenues derived from dedicated revenue; and

Whereas, the financing of transportation programs at the national level has been revised by the 93rd Congress of the United States; and

Whereas, a study of these problems is vitally necessary; 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. Task Force created.** A special Task Force shall be constituted and appointed to evaluate the financing of transportation programs in the State of Maine.

It is the purpose and intent hereof to provide such Task Force with sufficient funds to enable it to present to the regular session of the 107th Maine Legislature, convening after January 1, 1975, recommendations for the financing of future transportation programs under the direction of the Maine Department of Transportation.

The Maine Department of Transportation shall provide such administrative assistance as is required by the Task Force.

**Sec. 2. Membership.** The membership of the Task Force shall consist of 9 persons. Members of the Task Force shall include 2 members from the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; 3 members from the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House and 4 persons appointed by the Governor as follows: One member representing the trucking industry in the State; one member representing mass transit in the State; one member representing the municipalities in the State and one member representing the general public.

**Sec. 3. Meetings.** The said Task Force shall be appointed promptly upon enactment hereof, and the Commissioner of Transportation shall notify all members of the time and place of the first meeting. At that time, the Task Force shall organize, elect a chairman and vice-chairman and adopt procedures for future meetings and for the completion of the objectives of this Act.

**Sec. 4. Reimbursement of expenses.** The members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses in attending meetings, procuring supplies, correspondence and other related and necessary expenditures.

**Sec. 5. Allocation.** There is allocated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Highway Fund the sum of \$1,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974 to carry out the purposes of this Act. This allocation shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this Act have been accomplished.

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

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to delete any reference to fuel tax increase and to change number and composition of task force membership.