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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 117, L.D. 276, Bill, "AN ACT to Make Certain Revisions in Highway Related Laws Concerning State Aid Funds."

Amend the Bill by striking out the title and inserting in its place the following: 'AN ACT to Make Certain Revisions in Highway Related Laws.'

Further amend the Bill in section 3 by striking out that part designated "§1103." and inserting in its place the following:

'§1103. Increase in aid

If any municipality shall in any single year increase its appropriation for state aid roads to an amount of 2, 3, 4 or 6 times the maximum amount which it may annually appropriate under section 1101, the department may, from any balance of the fund for state aid construction or reconstruction, after the appropriations contemplated in section 1102 and subject to section 1105 as to apportionment, appropriate a like increase of state aid; such appropriation shall not deprive the municipality of its right to the regular annual state aid in other years. The appropriations contemplated by this section shall be united with and become a part of the joint fund referred to in section 1102. Municipalities may, upon petition of the municipal officers of the municipality and approval of the Department of Transportation, use a portion or all of the state aid joint fund of the municipality for the municipality's share of the

cost of reconstruction of railroad grade separat
structures, on nonfederal aid state aid highways, under section
3411 or toward the ^{municipality's} / share of the cost of construction or
reconstruction of bridges under the Bridge Act; except that not
more than 3 times the maximum amount as provided by sections 1101
and 1102 may be used as the ^{municipality's} / share for construction of a
bridge unless it is for construction of an unimproved bridge and
approaches which are located between sections of improved state
aid highways.

This section shall apply to appropriations made by ^{municipalities} / for improvement and
construction of state highways under section 1101, and to the corresponding
apportionments of state aid made under section 1102 and subject to section 11
Any ^{municipality} / may expend up to 3 times the maximum amount which it may annually approp-
riate under section 1101 as construction. Any ^{municipality} / may expend the balance of the
state aid joint fund raised in one year as reconstruction of improved state or state
aid highways.

Each ^{municipality} / which appropriates funds for state aid roads shall raise exactly 1, 2,
3, 4, or 6 times the maximum amount which it may annually appropriate under section
1101 and shall report to the Department of Transportation each year as to how these
funds shall be expended in terms of construction or reconstruction.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit any ^{municipality} from expending exactly 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6 times the maximum amount which it may annually appropriate under section 1101 from its state aid joint fund for reconstructing improved state or state aid highways or in maintaining, including resurfacing, of improved state or state aid highways outside compact or built up sections of highways as defined in section 754, and in constructing unimproved bridges and approaches which are located between sections of improved state aid highways. The proposed locations and type of work proposed under this section shall be subject to the approval of the Department of Transportation.

The Department shall increase its apportionment of state aid by 40% of the state aid joint fund so expended for reconstruction of improved state or state aid highways or for construction of unimproved bridges and approaches under the Bridge Act, provided the bridge is located between sections of improved state aid highways.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out section 5 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 5. 23 MRSA §1108, as amended by PL 1975, c.745, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1108. Use of joint fund with Town Road Improvement Fund

If any ^{municipality} / desires that the whole or any portion of the joint fund provided in sections 1101, 1102 and 1103 shall be applied to the construction of unimproved state aid or town ways within its boundaries, an amount not to exceed 3 times the maximum amount which it may annually appropriate under section 1101 may be so applied at the discretion of the department. All state aid joint funds so transferred shall be expended in accordance with chapter 19, subchapter V. Roads constructed under this section shall be maintained by the municipality.

Further amend the Bill in section 6 by striking out everything after the amendment clause and inserting in its place the following:

If any such ^{-town-} municipality then appropriates money for the purpose of securing state aid, the municipal officers shall forthwith notify the department of the amount so appropriated and shall identify the amount ~~to be used~~ to be used for construction and reconstruction.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this legislation is to eliminate the present requirement whereby municipalities having a valuation of \$4,250,000 or less must submit payrolls monthly in order to receive reimbursement for snow removal and allows greater flexibility in the use of joint state aid funds.

Reported by the Committee on Transportation.

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