

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 743

H. P. 606

House of Representatives, March 8, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and 1,800 copies ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Kane of Augusta.

Cosponsor: Mr. Higgins of Scarborough.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Increasing the Mileage Allowance for State Employees on State Business.

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

Whereas, a substantial number of state employees are required to utilize their privately-owned automobiles in the performance of their official state duties; and

Whereas, the present state mileage allowance because of the sharp rise in prices falls way short of paying for the cost of operating such automobiles while engaged in state business resulting in considerable out-of-pocket expense to the concerned employees; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of the State 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. 5 MRSA § 8, 1st sentence, as last amended by P & SL 1975, c. 147, § 5, is further amended to read:

The State shall pay for the use of privately owned automobiles for travel by employees of the State in the business of the State not more than ~~130~~ 15¢ per mile for miles actually travelled by such employees on such business in any one fiscal year.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$48,732 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978, and the sum of \$48,732 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the intent of this bill to increase the mileage allowance for state employees using their own automobiles on state business from the present 13¢ per mile to 15¢ per mile because of the increased costs of operating motor vehicles.