

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-542)  
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1159, L.D. 1383,  
Bill, "AN ACT Increasing the State Gasoline Tax."

Amend the Bill by inserting after the enacting clause  
the following:

'Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1001, 4th ¶, 1st sentence, as  
last amended by PL 1971, c. 593, §22, is further amended  
to read:

The maintenance provisions of sections 705, 751, 1001,  
1002, 1003, 1005, 1008 and 1011 shall not apply to those  
compact or built-up sections of state highway in cities  
or towns whose population according to the last U.S.  
census exceeds 5,000 inhabitants, except for maintenance  
of secondary federal aid projects,~~and the snow removal~~  
~~provisions shall not apply to those compact or built-up~~  
~~sections, and "compact areas" as determined by the~~  
~~department, in which compact sections are intermittent~~  
~~and separated by a short interval or intervals of sections~~  
~~that are not compact, of state highway in cities or towns~~  
~~whose population according to the last U.S. census~~  
~~exceeds 2,500 inhabitants.~~

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1009 is repealed.

Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §1702, sub-§1 is repealed and the  
following enacted in its place:

1. Ways not accepted. Highways, streets and ways  
that have not been accepted by a city or town;

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of section 10 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 10. Allocation of ~~the~~ Highway Fund. Receipts to the ~~the~~ Highway Fund for fiscal year 1977-78 and 1978-79 shall be segregated, apportioned and expended as follows:

|   | <u>1977-78</u>   | <u>1978-79</u>   |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| HIGHWAY FUND                                      |                  |                  |
| Winter maintenance -- snow removal reimbursements | \$1,200,000      | \$1,200,000      |
| Town Road Improvement Fund                        | 1,750,000        | 1,750,000        |
| Summer maintenance -- maintenance resurfacing     | <u>2,775,000</u> | <u>3,330,000</u> |
| Total   | \$5,725,000      | \$6,280,000'     |

Further amend the Bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

#### Statement of Fact

This amendment broadens the types of roads eligible for snow removal reimbursement and for town road improvement fund moneys, so that the benefits provided and the resulting property tax reduction will be applied uniformly to all areas of the State. Inasmuch as maintenance of local roads is a problem throughout the State, it is only fair that these benefits accrue uniformly throughout the State.

This amendment also adds \$250,000 each year to winter maintenance and to the Town Road Improvement Fund in order

to cover the increased costs which result from this amendment.  
The summer maintenance category is reduced by \$500,000 each  
year in order to compensate for these increased costs.

Filed by Mr. Jensen of Portland.

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