

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-868)  
109TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "E" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" TO  
H.P. 1723, L.D. 1827, Bill " AN ACT to Amend Allocations  
from the Highway Fund for the Fiscal Years from July 1, 1979  
to June 30, 1980 and from July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981,  
Decrease the State Aid Bonus from 40% to 20%, and Revise  
Drivers' License and Examination Fees."

Amend the amendment by striking out sections 1 to 10 and  
inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1103, last ¶, as repealed and re-  
placed by PL 1977, c. 696, §193, is amended to read:

The department shall increase its apportionment of  
state aid by ~~40%~~ 30% of the state aid joint fund so ex-  
pended 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 lo-  
cated between sections of improved state aid highways.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §532, 4th ¶, as amended by PL 1975,  
c. 589, §19, is further amended to read:

The fee for ~~said~~ a motorcycle or motor driven cycle  
learner's permit shall be ~~\$5~~ \$10 which shall include the  
first road test. The fee for all subsequent examinations  
shall be ~~\$3~~ \$5.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §542, first ¶, last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 212, §2, is amended to read:

The fee for such license shall be ~~€10~~ €16.

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA §542, 2nd ¶, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 212, §2, is amended to read:

The fee for such license shall be ~~€5~~ €8.

Sec. 5. 29 MRSA §542, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 212, §3, is amended to read:

The fee for all 2-year licenses shall be ~~€5~~ €8.

Sec. 6. 29 MRSA §582, sub-§§1 and 2, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 589, §21, are amended to read:

1. Class 1 or 2 license. The examination fee shall be ~~€8~~ €13, which shall include the first road test. All subsequent examination fees shall be ~~€5~~ €8.

2. Class 3 license. The examination fee shall be ~~€5~~ €10, which shall include the first road test. All subsequent examination fees shall be ~~€3~~ €5.

Sec. 7. PL 1979, c. 439, Part A, §1, under the caption "29 DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE" is amended to read:

0077 Motor Vehicles-Administration..2-117		
Unallocated	4,066,377	4,173,265
	<u>4,016,377</u>	<u>3,717,265</u>

Sec. 8. PL 1979, c. 439, Part A, §1, under the caption "16 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" is amended to read:

0291 State Police.....2-681		
Unallocated	8,443,538	8,607,628
		<u>8,307,628</u>

Sec. 9. PL 1979, c. 439, Part A, §1, under the caption "07 TRANS-

PORTATION" is amended to read:

0341	Transportation-Planning & Services.....2-715		
	Unallocated	730,000	760,000
		<u>630,809</u>	<u>668,000</u>
0339	Highway-Administration..2-701		
	Unallocated	3,769,645	3,027,050
		<u>3,594,645</u>	<u>3,627,050</u>
0336	Highway-State Aid Con- struction...2-733		
	Unallocated	7,900,000	7,900,000
		<u>400,000</u>	<u>6,435,000</u>
	For the fiscal year 1980-81 only, moneys allocated to this account shall be matched at a rate of 90% with moneys allocated by municipalities under Title 23, chapter 13.		
0355	Highway-Town Road Improve- ment Fund...2-734		
	Unallocated	1,000,000	1,000,000
			<u>500,000</u>
0330	Highway-Summer Mainten- ance...2-720		
	Unallocated	27,285,700	28,719,900
			<u>26,719,900</u>
0332	Highway-Picnic Area..2-725		
	Unallocated	105,307	107,604
			<u>7,604</u>
0354	Highway-Winter Mainten- ance ...2-741		
	Unallocated	17,111,200	17,900,074
		<u>16,386,208</u>	<u>17,408,874</u>

0358	Highway-Bond Interest...2-749		
	Unallocated	<u>2,688,667</u>	<u>3,276,497</u>
		<u>2,469,267</u>	<u>3,065,897</u>
0359	Highway-Bond Retirement..2-751		
	Unallocated	5,180,000	<u>1,860,000</u>
			<u>1,290,000</u>
0406	Highway-Highway and Bridge		
	Improvements...2-753		
	Unallocated	1,200,000	<u>3,200,000</u>
			<u>2,700,000</u>

Sec. 10. PL 1979, c. 439, Part A, §1, the line "Total Allocations" is amended to read:

Total Allocations	<u>\$95,008,943</u>	<u>\$95,786,207</u>
	<u>\$86,314,543</u>	<u>\$88,884,607</u>

Sec. 11. PL 1979, c. 439, Part A, §1, last ¶ is amended to read:

Amounting to \$95,008,943 \$86,314,543 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980, and \$95,786,207 \$88,884,607 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this amendment is to maintain the existing funding ratio of the State Police Budget and further reduce budget allocations by \$2,000,000 to fund the State Police from the Highway Fund. At the present time, the State Police budget is funded 75 percent from the Highway Fund and 25 percent from the General Fund.

In order to maintain the existing funding ratio of the State Police Budget, this amendment revised Committee Amendment "A" by;

1. reducing the State Aid bonus from 40 percent to 30 percent for a saving of \$675,000;
2. further reducing the winter maintenance allocation in 1979-80 by \$225,000;
3. further reducing the summer maintenance account by \$500,000 for fiscal year 1980-81;
4. further reducing the Town Road Improvement Fund by \$400,000 for fiscal year 1980-81; and
5. reducing the Picnic Area Construction Account for 1980-81 by \$100,000.

Effects of the additional reductions in allocations

Reducing the State Aid Bonus from 40% to 30% will affect 250 municipalities which currently qualify for the 40% bonus. The average impact is \$2,700 per municipality. However, some towns will not be as adversely affected as others. One town may experience a \$1,000 reduction while another municipality may experience a \$5,000 reduction.

By reducing the winter maintenance account by an additional \$225,000 for fiscal year 1979-80, there will be no significant impact upon the State. As of December 31, 1979, there were sav-

ings in excess of \$700,000 in this account.

The additional reduction in the summer maintenance account of \$500,000 will reduce summer paving by roughly 100 miles. The Governor's bill reduced summer paving by more than 400 miles. Committee Amendment "A" reduces summer paving by 200 miles, and this amendment reduces summer paving by 300 miles.

The reduction in the Town Road Improvement Fund will not have any serious impact upon the towns. Currently, there is a \$1,500,000 balance in this account.

The \$100,000 reduction in the Picnic Area Construction account will have no adverse effects. This allocation is a construction account and not a maintenance fund.