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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE (Filing No. S-499)
109TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE 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 in section 2 by striking out in the 3rd line the underlined figure "\$16" and inserting in its place the underlined figure '\$12'

Further amend the Amendment in section 3 by striking out in the 3rd line the underlined figure "\$8" and inserting in its place the underlined figure '\$6'

Further amend the Amendment in section 4 by striking out in the 3rd line the underlined figure "\$8" and inserting in its place the underlined figure '\$6'

Further amend the Amendment in section 7 by striking out all of the 4th and 5th lines and inserting in their place the following:

'0291 State Police.....2-681

Unallocated

\$8,443,538

~~\$8,607,628~~
7,607,628'

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Further amend the Amendment by striking out all of sections
8, 9 and 10 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 8. PL 1979, c. 439, Part A, §1, under the caption
"17 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION," is amended to read:

0341	Transportation - Planning & Services.....2-715	Unallocated	730,800 <u>630,809</u>	768,000 <u>468,000</u>
0339	Highway-Administration.....2-701	Unallocated	3,694,645 <u>3,594,645</u>	3,827,050 <u>2,827,050</u>
0336	Highway-State Aid Con- struction.....2-733	Unallocated	7,900,000 <u>400,000</u>	7,900,000
0355	Highway - Town Road Improvement Fund.....2-734	Unallocated	1,000,000	1,000,000
0330	Highway -Summer Maintenance.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 Maintenance..2-741	Unallocated	17,111,200 <u>16,386,208</u>	17,908,874 <u>17,408,874</u>
0358	Highway-Bond Interest.....2-749	Unallocated	2,688,667 <u>2,469,267</u>	3,276,497 <u>3,065,897</u>

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0359 Highway-Bond Retirement.....2-751			
Unallocated	5,180,000	17,860,000	<u>1,290,000</u>
0406 Highway-Highway and Bridge Improvements.....2-753			
Unallocated	1,200,000	37,200,000	<u>2,700,000</u>

Sec. 9. PL 1979, c. 439, Part A, §1, the line "Total Allocations," is amended to read:

Total Allocations	\$95,000,943	\$95,786,207	<u>\$86,314,543</u>	<u>\$89,149,607</u>
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Sec. 10. PL 1979, c. 439, Part A, §1, last ¶ is amended to read:

Amounting to ~~\$95,000,943~~ \$86,314,543 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980, and ~~\$95,786,207~~ \$89,149,607 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% from the Highway Fund and 25% from the General Fund.

In order to maintain the existing funding ratio of the State Police budget, this amendment revised Committee Amendment "A" by further reducing the Highway Administration Account by \$800,000 for fiscal year 1980-81. The amendment also does the following:

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1. Reduces the winter maintenance allocation in 1979-80 by \$225,000;
2. Further reduces the summer maintenance account by \$500,000 for fiscal year 1980-81;
3. Further reduces highway planning and services account by \$300,000;
4. Reduces the picnic area construction account for 1980-81 by \$100,000; and
5. Further reduces the State Police budget by \$700,000 for fiscal year 1980-81.

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 savings 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 \$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.

The reduction in the State Police allocation will result in an additional loss of General Fund revenues of \$250,000. State Police officials have indicated that the State Police will defer training and hiring of an additional 30 state troopers for one year for a total saving of \$990,000. The additional cut in funds would result in the loss of 8 State Police personnel.

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The reductions in the highway administration and the highway planning and services accounts will result in the reduction of personnel employed by the Department of Transportation. The Department of Transportation has indicated that these accounts may be reduced by \$500,000 without the loss of any personnel and without any serious adverse results. By reducing these accounts by an additional \$1,000,000 there will be reductions in force. If the average salary is \$20,000, 50 people would be removed.

The positions funded by the administration and the planning and services allocations are "upper echelon" positions, supervisory and administrative positions.

The amendment also restores full funding of the state aid construction allocations and the town road improvement fund for fiscal year 1980-81.

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