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SENATE AMENDMENT "L" 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 all of the 3rd, 4th and 5th lines and inserting in their place the following:

'AN ACT to Revise the Allocations from the Highway Fund for the Fiscal Years Beginning July 1, 1979 and Ending June 30, 1981, to Revise Operator License Examination Fees, and to Temporarily Revise the Allocation of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues to other Dedicated Funds.'

Further amend the Amendment by inserting before section 6 the following:

'Sec. 5-A. 36 MRSA §2903-A, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 513, §22, is further amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal year 1980-81 only, there is set aside 0.50% of the total excise tax on internal combustion engine fuel sold or used within the State for the purposes specified in this section. The Commissioner of Finance and Administration shall determine the allocations to be paid from the Highway Fund to fund the refunds paid out under section 2908 and to fund the Commissioner of Marine Resources

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as herein provided based upon the sales of internal combustion engine fuel and the tax rates established in this section. The allocations to the Commissioner of Marine Resources and for refunds for 1980-81 \leftarrow \rightarrow shall be made by the Treasurer of State.

Sec. 5-B. 36 MRSA §2903-B, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 613, §22, and as amended, is further amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal year 1980-81 only, the 0.25% of the total excise tax on internal combustion engine fuel shall be set aside for the purposes provided in this section. The allocation of funds paid by the Treasurer of State to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for the purpose set forth in Title 12, section 7824 shall be made from the Highway Fund for 1980-81 only.'

Further amend the Amendment in section 6 by striking out in the 5th line the underlined figure "3,717,265" and inserting in its place the underlined figure '3,696,265'

Further amend the Amendment by striking out all of section 7 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 7. PL 1979, c. 439, Part A, §1, under the caption "16 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY," the following is amended to read:
0291 State Police.....2-681

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|-------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Unallocated | 8,443,538 | 8,760,762 |
| | | <u>8,207,628'</u> |

Further amend the Amendment in section 8 by striking out all parts relating to numbers 0341 to 0354 and inserting in their place the following:

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|-------|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| '0341 | Transportation-Planning and Services.....2-715 | | |
| | Unallocated | 730,000 | 760,000 |
| | | <u>630,809</u> | <u>568,000</u> |
| 0339 | Highway-Administration.....2-701 | | |
| | Unallocated | 3,794,645 | 3,827,050 |
| | | <u>3,594,645</u> | <u>3,527,050</u> |
| 0336 | Highway-State Aid Construction.....2-733 | | |
| | Unallocated | 7,900,000 | 7,900,000 |
| | | <u>400,000</u> | <u>7,205,000</u> |
| 0355 | Highway-Town Road Improvement Fund.....2-734 | | |
| | Unallocated | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| | | | <u>800,000</u> |
| 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 | 17,111,208 | 17,908,874 |
| | | <u>16,111,208</u> | <u>17,408,874</u> |

Further amend the Amendment by striking out all of the last 2 lines of section 9 and inserting in their place the following:

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| 'Total Allocations | 695,000,943 | 695,786,207 |
| | <u>\$86,039,543</u> | <u>\$89,634,207'</u> |

Further amend the Amendment by striking out all of the last 2 paragraphs before the statement of fact and inserting in their place the following:

'Amounting to ~~695,000,943~~ \$87,039,543 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980, and ~~695,786,207~~ \$89,634,207 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved, except sections 1 to 5 of the Act shall take effect on July 1, 1980.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this amendment is to compensate for the expected shortfall of \$16,700,000 in revenues to the Highway Fund. This amendment increases operator license fees and driver examination fees, reduces program allocations, and revises the percentage of funds set aside for the motorboat user and the snowmobiler.

Fee Increases

This amendment increases operator license fees by \$1.50 per year for increased revenues of \$1,050,000. In addition, driver examination fees are increased by \$5 for the initial fee and by \$3 for subsequent fees to produce increased revenues of \$306,000. Total fee increases produce added revenues of \$1,356,000.

Motorboat and Snowmobile excise tax revenues

For fiscal year 1980-81 only, this amendment reduces from 1.25% to 0.5% of the total excise tax on internal combustion engine fuel that is allocated for motor boat users and the Boat Facilities Fund. The Highway Fund will fund refunds to commercial motor boat users and allocations to the Commissioner of Marine Resources that are currently paid from the 1.25% allocation. It is expected that \$200,000 will be realized from this source.

For the fiscal year 1980-81 only, the allocation of .5% from the excise tax on internal combustion engine fuel for snowmobile purposes is reduced to .25%. Approximately \$125,000 will be realized from this source.

The total amount of revenues realized from these tax sources is \$325,000.

Program Reductions

A total of \$15,116,000 is reduced from programs funded by the Highway Budget.

| <u>Program</u> | Amount of Reduction 1979-80 | Amount of Reductio 1980-81 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Motor Vehicle Admin | \$ 50,000 | \$ 471,000 |
| 2. State Police | | 400,000 |
| 3. Transportation-Planning | 100,000 | 200,000 |
| 4. Highway-Administration | 100,000 | 300,000 |
| 5. State Aid Construction | 7,500,000 | 695,000 |
| 6. Town Road Improvement | | 200,000 |
| 7. Summer Maintenance | | 2,000,000 |
| 8. Picnic Area Construction | | 100,000 |
| 9. Highway Winter Maintenance | 1,000,000 | 500,000 |
| 10. Highway bond interest | 219,400 | 210,600 |
| 11. Highway bond retirement | | 570,000 |
| 12. Highway & Bridge Improvements | | 500,000 |
| Total Reductions | \$8,969,400 | \$6,146,600 |

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