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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-812)
109TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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 Bill by striking out all of the Title and
inserting in its 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, and to Revise Operator License Examination Fees.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §532, 4th¶, as last 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Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §542, first ¶, last sentence, as repealed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. 3. 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. 4. 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Sec. 5. 29 MRSA §582, sub-§§1 and 2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 589, §21, are amended to read: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. 6. 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	<u>4,066,377</u>	<u>4,173,265</u>
	<u>4,016,377</u>	<u>3,717,265</u>

Sec. 7. 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	<u>\$8,443,538</u>	<u>\$8,607,628</u>
	<u>8,206,145</u>	<u>6,545,021</u>

The reduction in the allocation in this account shall be partially offset by increased funding from the General Fund. Funds appropriated from the Highway Fund shall fund 60% of the total State Police budget in 1980-81. All moneys allocated to this account from the Highway Fund shall be expended exclusively for highway related activities.

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	730,809 630,809	768,000 668,000
0339	Highway-Administration.....2-701		
	Unallocated	3,694,645 3,594,645	3,827,050 3,627,050
0336	Highway-State Aid Con- struction.....2-733		
	Unallocated	7,900,000 400,000	7,900,000 7,110,000
<p><u>For the Fiscal Year 1980-81 only,</u> <u>moneys allocated to this account</u> <u>shall be matched at a rate of 90%</u> <u>with moneys allocated by munici-</u> <u>palities under Title 23, chapter 13.</u></p>			
0355	Highway - Town Road Improvement Fund.....2-734		
	Unallocated	1,000,000	1,000,000 900,000
0330	Highway-Summer Maintenance....2-720		
	Unallocated	27,285,700	28,719,900 27,219,900
0354	Highway-Winter Maintenance...2-741		
	Unallocated	17,111,200 16,611,208	17,908,874 17,408,874
0358	Highway-Bond Interest...2-749		
	Unallocated	2,688,667 2,469,267	3,276,497 3,065,897
0359	Highway-Bond Retirement...2-751		
	Unallocated	5,180,000	1,860,000 1,290,000
0406	Highway-Highway and Bridge Improvements.....2-753		
	Unallocated	1,200,000	2,200,000 2,700,000

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

Total Allocations	\$95,008,943	\$95,786,207
	<u>\$87,302,150</u>	<u>\$88,797,000</u>

Sec. 10. PL 1979, c. 439, Part A, §1, last ¶ is amended to read:

Amounting to ~~\$95,008,943~~ \$87,302,150 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980, and ~~\$95,786,207~~ \$88,797,000 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

This amendment proposes to compensate for the expected shortfall in revenues of \$16,700,000 to the Highway Fund by:

1. Reducing the Highway Fund appropriation from 75% to 60% of the cost of the State Police for a saving of \$2,000,000;
2. Increasing fees for operators' licenses by \$1.50 per year for increased revenues of \$1,050,000 per year;
3. Increasing fees for operators' license exams for increased revenues of \$306,000 per year; and
4. Reducing allocations to the Division of Motor Vehicles, State Police and the Department of Transportation.

The reduced allocations in the highway budget are described below:

PROGRAM	Amount of Reduction 1979-80	Amount of Reduction 1980-81
Motor Vehicle Administration	\$ 50,000	\$ 456,000
State Police (includes \$300,000 Reduction and \$2,000,000 General Fund Appropriation)	237,393	2,062,607
Transportation: Planning and Services	100,000	100,000
Transportation: Administration	100,000	200,000
State Aid Construction	7,500,000	790,000
Winter Maintenance	500,000	500,000
Bond Interest	219,400	210,600
Town Road Improvement		100,000
Summer Maintenance		1,500,000
Bond retirement		570,000
Highway & Bridge Maintenance		500,000
TOTAL	\$ 8,706,793	\$ 6,989,207

This amendment restores \$900,000 to the town road improvement program, \$1,000,000 to the summer maintenance program and retains the 40% state aid bonus.