

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (EMERGENCY)
2 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 811

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8 S.P. 322

In Senate, February 28, 1985

9 Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule
10 24.

11 Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent down for
concurrence and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Danton of York.

12 Cosponsored by Theriault of Fort Kent, Representative Macomber of So.
Portland and Representative McPherson of Eliot.

13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
17

18 AN ACT Making Supplemental Allocations from
19 the Highway Fund for the Fiscal Year
20 Ending June 30, 1985.
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22 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
23 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
24 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

25 Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate be-
26 fore the end of the current fiscal year; and

27 Whereas, the Highway Maintenance Resurfacing Pro-
28 gram should begin before the end of the current fis-
29 cal year; and

30 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
31 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
32 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
33 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
34 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
35 therefore,

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
2 follows:

3 Allocation. The following funds are allocated
4 from the Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of
5 this Act.

6 1984-85

7 TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF

8 Maintenance and Operations

9 Capital Expenditures \$6,050,000

10 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
11 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
12 proved.

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 Current funding of the Highway Maintenance
15 Resurfacing Program provides funds only after July
16 1st of each year, even though the paving season be-
17 gins in May in most areas of the State. The depart-
18 ment loses 6 to 8 weeks of early paving under exist-
19 ing funding procedures. This bill will be a one-time
20 allocation to fund the 1985 summer program of mainte-
21 nance paving and to allow it to begin as soon as
22 weather permits. The funds for this program included
23 in the 1985-86 budget year will then be used to fund
24 the summer 1986 Maintenance Paving Program, again be-
25 ginning in May. All future budget years will then
26 fund this activity at the end, rather than the begin-
27 ning, of the fiscal year for a more efficient and ef-
28 fective expenditure of available funds. Being able
29 to start paving in May allows a greater percentage of
30 paving to be completed prior to the summer tourist
31 season which is so critical to the state's economy.

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