

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 912

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7 H.P. 622

House of Representatives, March 1, 1985

8 On motion of Representative Theriault of Fort Kent, referred to the
9 Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Reeves of Pittston.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Connolly of Portland, Representative
Allen of Washington and Representative Melendy of Rockland.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Provide for the Funding of Public
18 Transportation.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4210 is enacted to read:

23 §4210. Use of Highway Fund money for public trans-
24 portation

25 Money derived from the gasoline tax in Title 36,
26 chapter 451, and allocated for public transportation
27 shall be included in the budget of the Department of
28 Transportation as a separate item for accounting pur-
29 poses. Money allocated for public transportation
30 shall be expended in accordance with the provisions
31 of section 4209.

32 A. For the purposes of this section, public
33 transportation means those public transportation
34 facilities and equipment requiring the use of the

1 state's highways and highway bridges and operated
2 by not-for-profit corporations.

3 Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §2916 is enacted to read:

4 §2916. Allocation to public transportation

5 A minimum of 1.5% of total revenues collected un-
6 der this chapter shall be allocated annually from the
7 Highway Fund for the administration and operation of
8 public transportation as provided in Title 23, sec-
9 tion 4210.

10 Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall take ef-
11 fect only upon the approval by the electorate at a
12 statewide referendum of a constitutional amendment
13 authorizing the use of Highway Fund money for public
14 transportation requiring the use of highways and
15 highway bridges.

16 STATEMENT OF FACT

17 This bill allocates 1.5% of gasoline tax reve-
18 nues, roughly \$1,000,000, from the Highway Fund for
19 public transportation which uses the state's highways
20 and highway bridges for operation. This bill does
21 not apply to use-fuel tax revenues, gasoline road tax
22 revenues or special fuel tax revenues. This bill de-
23 pends upon electorate approval of a constitutional
24 amendment at a statewide convention that authorizes
25 the use of Highway Fund money for public transporta-
26 tion purposes.

27 Public transportation reduces traffic volume and
28 damage to the state's highways and bridges. In addi-
29 tion, public transportation provides access to the
30 work place, business areas and rural regions which
31 are inaccessible to many people, particularly the el-
32 derly.

33 This bill allocates approximately \$1,000,000 from
34 Highway Fund money for public transportation pur-
35 poses.

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