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

No. 1740

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7 S.P. 672

In Senate, December 26, 1985

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

10 Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 26, 1985. Referred
to the Committee on Transportation and 1,600 ordered printed pursuant to
Joint Rule 14.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Dow of Kennebec.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Moholland of Princeton, Representative
Soucy of Kittery and Representative Mills of Bethel.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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17 AN ACT Relating to Financing the Capital
18 Improvement of Local Bridges.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. P&SL 1983, c. 40, §2, last 4 lines, are
23 repealed and the following enacted in their place:

24 Highway-Local
25 Bridge Improvements 1,500,000 1,500,000
26 Total Allocations \$12,300,000 \$12,300,000

27 Sec. 2. **Effective date.** This Act shall take ef-
28 fect 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature
29 or on July 1, 1986, whichever is later.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this bill is to permit bond reve-
3 nue originally earmarked for use in the Town Way
4 Bridge Program to be used instead in the new Local
5 Bridge Improvement Program enacted by the First Regu-
6 lar Session of the 112th Legislature. The Town Way
7 Bridge Improvement Program was repealed and replaced
8 by the Local Bridge Improvement Program.

9 The new Local Bridge Improvement Program will
10 shift more of the responsibility for the capital im-
11 provement of local bridges to the State. Local
12 bridges consist of those bridges on the town way and
13 state aid systems. Historically, these bridges have
14 been improved through a state-local partnership. Un-
15 der this program, capital improvement priorities are
16 established by a formula that considers the condition
17 of the structure the traffic using the structure and
18 the protection of the public's investment.

19 The Department of Transportation promised to sub-
20 mit an initial funding proposal for consideration by
21 the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature.
22 The department feels that, by combining the unspent
23 bond revenue with other available state funds and
24 with federal bridge funds, it will be able to effect
25 a viable initial program.

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