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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1135 House of Representatives, May 13, 1987
Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to
Joint Rule 24.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative MICHAUD of East Millinocket.

Cosponsored by Senators USHER of Cumberland, CAHILL of
Sagadahoc, and Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT to Establish a State Cost-share
2 Program for Salt and Sand Storage
3 Facilities.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 23 MRSA c. 19, sub-c. VII is enacted to read:

8 SUBCHAPTER VII

9 SALT AND SAND STORAGE FACILITIES

10 §1851. State cost-share program for salt and sand
11 storage facilities

12 The department may administer bond issue funds
13 for the construction of municipal or county salt and

1 sand storage facilities in order to reduce salt pol-
2 lution of ground and surface waters. Any bonds is-
3 sued under this section shall be paid for out of the
4 Highway Fund. In administering these funds, the de-
5 partment shall provide reimbursement to municipal and
6 county governmental entities for approved projects
7 according to the order of priority established bian-
8 nually by the Department of Environmental Protection.
9 Allocation of funds shall be based upon 1.25 times
10 the ratio of miles of state and state-aid roads main-
11 tained for winter maintenance, as described in sec-
12 tions 1001 and 1003, to all miles maintained for win-
13 ter maintenance by the municipality, quasi-municipal
14 agency or county. The department shall establish
15 guidelines to reimburse eligible local government en-
16 tities in a consistent and timely manner.

17 The department shall review and approve plans and
18 specifications for salt and sand storage facilities
19 prior to issuing any reimbursements. The review
20 shall be in accordance with the guidelines for the
21 design and construction established by the Department
22 of Environmental Protection for these facilities and
23 in accordance with the guidelines established by the
24 department with respect to facility size.

25 The department may reimburse municipal and county
26 government entities for expenses incurred for the
27 construction of salt and sand storage facilities con-
28 structed in compliance with Private and Special Law
29 1985, chapter 121, provided that the plans for the
30 facilities receive approval from the department.
31 These reimbursements shall be made based on the pri-
32 ority established by the Department of Environmental
33 Protection.

34 Reimbursable expenses under this section do not
35 include land acquisition or debt service.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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2 The purpose of this bill is to authorize the De-
3 partment of Transportation to administer a cost-share
4 program to help local governments defray the costs of
5 building adequate sand and salt storage facilities.
6 The program would use, as yet unapproved, bond issue
7 funds earmarked for this purpose. The program would
8 run in conjunction with ongoing efforts by both the
9 Department of Transportation and the Department of
10 Environmental Protection to curb pollution of the
11 State's waters from improperly stored road sand and
12 salt mix.

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