

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 2149  
(Filing No. H- 681 )

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
113TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1574, L.D. 2149,  
Bill, "AN ACT to Reallocate Funds from the Maine  
Turnpike Authority for Construction and Maintenance  
of Secondary Roads."

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Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title  
and inserting in its place the following:

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'AN ACT to Remove Authorization for the  
Reallocation of Funds from the Maine Turnpike  
Authority for Construction and Maintenance of  
Secondary Roads.'

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

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'Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1961, first ¶, as enacted by  
PL 1981, c. 595, §3, is amended to read:

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The Legislature makes the following findings of  
fact. The economic and social well-being of the  
citizens of the State requires that the ~~state's~~  
State's transportation system be developed in a  
comprehensive manner and depends upon the safety and  
efficiency and modern functional state of the  
turnpike. The turnpike should be maintained as a  
closed toll facility whether there are turnpike bonds  
outstanding or not. Toll revenues should be

1 utilized: To pay for retirement of any outstanding  
2 debt, including interest thereon; to pay for operation  
3 and maintenance of the turnpike; to pay for  
4 reconstruction of the turnpike; and to repay the  
5 Federal Government for grants or loans, the proceeds  
6 of which were used for the construction or  
7 reconstruction of the turnpike or portions thereof,  
8 interchanges and certain interconnecting access roads,  
9 but only to the extent that the repayment is required  
10 as a result of maintaining tolls on the turnpike.  
11 The Department of Transportation shall be provided  
12 each year a maximum amount of \$4,700,000 of the total  
13 annual operating revenue after moneys have been put  
14 aside to pay operating expenses and to meet the  
15 requirements of any resolution authorizing bonds of  
16 the authority, which amount is deemed necessary for  
17 use by the department to maintain, construct and  
18 reconstruct access roads on the state highway system  
19 which serves and benefits users of the turnpike by  
20 providing direct and indirect access to and from the  
21 turnpike as part of the state's integrated highway  
22 system. Due to the utilization of the state highway  
23 system by users of the turnpike, the turnpike and its  
24 users have received and will continue to receive a  
25 benefit from, or have caused and will continue to  
26 cause, or both, the State acting by and through the  
27 Department of Transportation to incur costs for the  
28 construction, operation and maintenance of the state  
29 highway system, which provides direct and indirect  
30 access to and from the turnpike to areas in the State  
31 for which the State may properly and should be  
32 compensated from the tolls to be collected. The  
33 Maine Turnpike Authority should be maintained to carry  
34 out the purposes of this chapter in cooperation with  
35 the Department of Transportation.

36 Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1964, sub-§1, as enacted by PL  
37 1981, c. 595, §3, is repealed and the following  
38 enacted in its place:

39 1. Access roads. "Access roads" means any and  
40 all highways, including bridges, underpasses and  
41 overpasses, within 10 miles of the turnpike, which are  
42 under the control of the department, which directly or  
43 indirectly connect with the turnpike.

