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House of Representatives, March 4, 1993

An Act to Authorize Modifications to Tolls on the Maine Tumpike.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, ROWE of Portland, SIMONDS of Cape Elizabeth, Senator: CONLEY of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1961, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 793, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

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l. Legislative findings. The Legislature makes the following findings of fact. The economic and social well-being of the citizens of the State require requires that the transportation system be developed in a comprehensive manner and depend depends upon the safety, efficiency and modern functional state of the turnpike. The turnpike should be maintained as a elesed toll facility whether or not there are turnpike bonds outstanding. Toll revenues should be utilized to pay for retirement of any outstanding debt, including interest thereon; to pay for operation and maintenance of the turnpike; to pay for reconstruction of the turnpike; and to repay the Federal Government for grants or loans, the proceeds of which were used for the construction or reconstruction of the turnpike or portions of the turnpike, interchanges and certain interconnecting access roads, but only to the extent that the repayment is required as a result of maintaining tolls on the turnpike.

Transportation policy. 24 Sec. 2. In order to further the transportation policy created by the Sensible Transportation 26 Policy Act, the Legislature intends by this Act-to authorize open barrier toll collection systems on the turnpike to the extent the authority believes that the installation of toll collection 28 systems would be financially feasible and consistent with the 30 requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, chapter This measure may not impair the rights of present or future 24. 32 bondholders under any existing indenture or resolution for the issuance of turnpike authority bonds or other obligations. 34

STATEMENT OF FACT

38 The purpose of this bill is to allow the Maine Turnpike Authority and the Department of Transportation to respond to new 40 initiatives in transportation planning.

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