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18 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 345, L.D. 465, Bill, "An  
20 Act to Improve the Local Road Assistance Program"

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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and  
inserting in its place the following:

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24 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1802-A, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1989, c.  
26 516, §2, is amended to read:

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28 **1. Average lane miles maintained.** "Average lane miles  
30 maintained" means the sum of the number of lane miles of public  
road maintained by the municipality in the summer plus the number  
of lane miles of public road maintained in the winter, divided by  
32 2.

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**Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1802-A, sub-§2** is enacted to read:

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36 **2. Lane miles.** "Lane miles" means a length of road  
38 measured in miles multiplied by the number of travel lanes for  
that length of road.

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40 **Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §1803-B, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1989, c.  
42 516, §4, is amended to read:

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42 **1. Distribution.** Subject to the limitations set out in  
44 subsection 4, funds from the Local Road Assistance Program shall  
46 must be distributed to each municipality based on the average  
lane miles maintained by the municipality multiplied by an amount  
not less than \$1,200 \$600.'

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48 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the  
50 following:

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2 'Sec. 3. Date for payments under revised distribution formula. The  
State shall begin distribution to municipalities in accordance  
with the provisions of this Act with the quarterly payments due  
4 March 1, 1997. For fiscal year 1996-97, municipalities with  
roads in excess of 2 lanes will receive 1/2 of the annual  
6 increase resulting from the calculation for distribution using  
lane miles in accordance with this Act. The allocation in fiscal  
8 year 1996-97 is \$75,000, 1/2 the anticipated annual increase in  
distribution under the Local Road Assistance Program.

10 'Sec. 4. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the  
12 Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

14 1996-97

16 **TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

18 **Local Road Assistance**

20 All Other \$75,000

22 Allocates additional funds to be distributed  
to municipalities for each mile of public  
24 road with more than 2 lanes pursuant to the  
funding formula of the Local Road Assistance  
26 Program.

28 'Sec. 5. Effective date. This Act takes effect on January 1,  
1997.'

30 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read  
32 consecutively.

34 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
statement of fact the following:

38 **FISCAL NOTE**

40 1996-97

42 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

44 Highway Fund \$75,000

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48 The Department of Transportation will require an additional  
Highway Fund allocation of \$75,000 in fiscal year 1996-97 and  
50 \$150,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 1997-98 to provide

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2 additional funds to municipalities for each mile of public road  
with more than 2 lanes pursuant to the funding formula of the  
4 Local Road Assistance Program.'

6 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

8 This amendment uses the term "lane mile" to clarify the  
10 extent to which distribution will increase for roads with more  
than 2 lanes. Accordingly, the formula for distribution is  
12 changed to calculate distribution on a lane-mile basis. This  
amendment also adds a fiscal note, an allocation section and an  
14 effective date to the bill. It specifies that the change in  
distribution will begin with payments due March 1, 1997.

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