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House of Representatives, February 27, 1997

Resolve, to Provide Funds to Municipalities for Road Upkeep Based on Need.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township. Cosponsored by Representatives: O'NEAL of Limestone, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Local Road Assistance Program requires payment of funds on a quarterly basis; and

8 Whereas, the program requires municipalities to certify before August 1st of each year to the Department of 10 Transportation that funds will be used only for the maintenance and improvement of public roads to be eligible to receive funds; 12 and

14 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of 16 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 18 safety; now, therefore, be it

 Sec. 1. Ability to pay. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall develop and establish guidelines that take a
municipality's evaluation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1803-B and ability to pay into consideration
for the Local Road Assistance Program formula in Title 23, chapter 19, subchapter VI.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

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## SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to 34 establish guidelines to take a municipality's evaluation and ability to pay into consideration for the formula used in the 36 disbursement of funds for maintenance of local roads.