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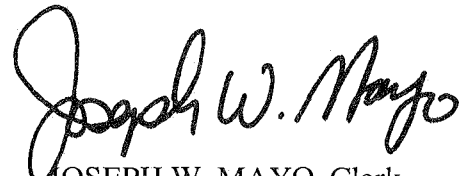
No. 1624

H.P. 1160

House of Representatives, March 21, 1997

**An Act to Increase Funding to the Highway Fund to Allow Major
Improvements to Highways and Bridges.**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CHARTRAND of Rockland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BOUFFARD of Lewiston, KONTOS of Windham, ROWE of Portland, TOWNSEND of Portland.

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

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Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §2903, sub-§1, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 846, §31 and affected by §40, is amended to read:

A. The excise tax on internal combustion engine fuel used or sold within this State, including sales to the State or a political subdivision of the State, is ~~19¢~~ 22¢ per gallon, except that the rate is 3.4¢ per gallon on internal combustion engine fuel, as defined in section 2902, bought or used for the purpose of propelling jet or turbojet engine aircraft.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §3203, as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 271, §5, is amended to read:

§3203. Tax levied; consignment sales; credited to Highway Fund

Except as provided in section 3204-A, an excise tax is levied and imposed on all suppliers of special fuel sold and on all users of special fuel used in this State for each gallon of distillate at the rate of ~~20¢~~ 23¢ per gallon and for each gallon of low-energy fuel at the rate of 18¢ per gallon. When special fuel is delivered by a supplier on a consignment basis to a consumer or to a retail outlet, whether or not the retail outlet is wholly owned by the supplier, it is considered to have been "sold" within the meaning of this Act. All taxes and fines collected under this chapter must be credited to the Highway Fund.

Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1997-98	1998-99
TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Highway and Bridge Improvement		
All Other	\$2,891,040	\$4,560,000
Capital Expenditures	11,564,160	18,240,000
Provides additional funds for major capital improvements of the federal aid and state highway network.		
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION		
TOTAL	\$14,455,200	\$22,800,000

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act takes effect October 1, 1997.

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SUMMARY

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This bill increases fuel taxes to provide additional funding for major improvements to the State's deteriorating highway and bridge system.