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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 690, L.D. 957, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2000 and June 30, 2001"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of Parts A and B and inserting in their place the following:

PART A

Sec. A-1. 5 MRSA §1513, sub-§1-M is enacted to read:

1-M. Transfer from Maine Rainy Day Fund; Urban-Rural Initiative Program. Notwithstanding subsection 2 and section 1585, amounts of \$22,150,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$23,000,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 may be transferred from the available balance in the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the Urban-Rural Initiative Program in the Department of Transportation to be made available by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.

PART B

Sec. B-1. Transfers to Maine Rainy Day Fund; fiscal years ending June 30, 1999 and June 30, 2000. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1513 or any other provision of law, 100% of the excess of total General Fund revenues received over

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accepted estimates in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, up to
\$22,150,000 and \$23,000,000 respectively, is transferred by the
State Controller to the Maine Rainy Day Fund from the
unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of Parts G,
H, I, J and K.

Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment provides funding for the Urban-Rural
Initiative program by transferring \$22,150,000 and \$23,000,000
from the Maine Rainy Day Fund for fiscal years 1999-00 and
2000-01, respectively. The amendment also authorizes the Maine
Rainy Day Fund to receive these same amounts from surplus
revenues, should they be available, at the end of fiscal years
1998-99 and 1999-00, respectively. The net effect of these
transfers on Maine Rainy Day Fund balances, interest earnings and
other required transfers can not be determined at this time.

This amendment deletes increases in the gas tax and motor
vehicle registration fees which would have provided \$23,502,468
and \$26,132,748 in increased revenues to the Highway Fund in
fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively.

This amendment deletes \$27,586,948 and \$29,585,069 in
increased allocations from the Highway Fund for fiscal years
1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively.

This amendment also deletes General Fund appropriations of
\$8,726 and \$9,666 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01,
respectively, which are no longer necessary for the Department of
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the increases imposed by Committee
Amendment "C" in the tax on gas and special fuels and the motor
vehicle registration fee. This amendment also transfers
\$22,150,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$23,000,000 in fiscal year

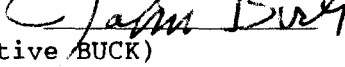
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2 2000-01 from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to fund the new Urban-Rural
Initiative Program. It also authorizes the Maine Rainy Day Fund
4 to receive those same amounts from surplus revenues at the end of
fiscal year 1998-99 and fiscal year 1999-00 respectively.

6 This amendment also strikes those provisions of Committee
Amendment "C" that change the date of the new dealer plate issue,
8 require a study of alternative revenue sources to the gas tax and
appropriate funds for snowmobile enforcement costs.

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(Representative BUCK)

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