

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 970

In Senate, January 24, 2000

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**An Act to Fund the Local and State Share of Minor Collector Road  
Reconstruction.**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative WHEELER of Bridgewater and  
Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, CASSIDY of Washington, DAVIS of Piscataquis, KIEFFER  
of Aroostook, MICHAUD of Penobscot, Representatives: NASS of Acton, TESSIER of  
Fairfield.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1803-B, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:**

6 5-A. General Fund availability for minor collector capital  
8 projects. Notwithstanding subsection 5, any funds appropriated  
10 from the General Fund expressly for the purposes of this  
12 subsection may be used in lieu of the municipal Rural Road  
14 Initiative obligations as described in subsection 5. The  
Commissioner of Transportation shall determine the use of General  
Fund money available pursuant to this subsection, ensuring that  
all projects financed with that money are distributed equitably  
as determined by the commissioner to municipalities with a low  
property tax valuation.

16 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated  
18 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

20 **2000-01**

22 **TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

24 **Urban - Rural Initiative Program**

26 All Other \$1,000,000

28 Provides funds pursuant to the Maine  
30 Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1803-B,  
32 subsection 5-A to pay a municipality's share  
34 of its Rural Road Initiative obligations.

36 **SUMMARY**

38 This bill provides that the municipal responsibility for  
40 contributing to minor collector capital projects, normally  
42 financed from the Rural Road Initiative, may be met by use of  
General Fund money appropriated for that purpose. The  
Commissioner of Transportation shall ensure equitable  
distribution of the funds to those municipalities with a low  
property tax valuation.

This bill also makes a General Fund appropriation.