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20	Act to Provide Property Transportation"	Tax Relief from	the Cost of Public
22 24	Amend the bill by st the following:	riking out the tit	tle and substituting
26	'An Act to Create the Transit Bonus Payment Program'		
28	Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place		
30	the following:		
32	'Sec.1. 23 MRSA §1807 is enacted to read:		
34	<u>§1807. Transit bonus payme</u>	ent program	
36	<u>In order to promo</u> Transportation Policy Act		
38	bonus payment program is established. The program is governed by the provisions of this section.		
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42	1. Application. A municipality that increases its qualifying expenditures for transit over a base year may apply to the department for a transit bonus to the municipality's		
44	<u>Urban-Rural Initiative Pro 1803-B.</u>		

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2. Qualifying expenditures for transit. As used in this section, "qualifying expenditures for transit" means a
 4 municipality's total annual expenditures derived from municipal revenue sources that are used for the operations of a seasonal or
 6 year-round transit service that has been established for at least 3 years and that provides scheduled service for at least 3 days
 8 per week.

- <u>3. Use of funds.</u> All funds distributed pursuant to this section must be used for the purposes set forth in sections 1801
 and 1803-B.
- 14 4. Program funding cap. The annual amount available for distribution under this section may not exceed 2.5% of the annual
 16 funding dedicated for the Urban-Rural Initiative Program. All funds not distributed each year lapse to the Highway Fund.

5. Distribution of funds. Beginning July 1, 2003, the
department shall increase an Urban-Rural Initiative Program payment for a municipality that applies under subsection 1 on a
dollar-for-dollar basis. After the total of gualifying applications for reimbursement exceeds the annual amount
available for distribution provided under subsection 4, funds must be apportioned according to the amount of each
municipality's increase of gualifying expenditures, ridership or other factors determined by the department.

6. Rules. The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement
 30 this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
 32 subchapter II-A.'

34 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

40 The establishment of a transit bonus payment program will result in increased future Highway Fund costs to the Urban-Rural Initiative Program within the Department of Transportation. 42 Based on the current allocation of \$23,000,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 for the Urban-Rural Initiative Program, the program would 44 require an additional allocation of not more than \$575,000 in fiscal year 2003-04. The amounts will depend on municipal 46 participation in the transit bonus payment program and on the amount allocated for the Urban-Rural Initiative Program in fiscal 48 year 2003-04 and for each year thereafter and can not be determined at this time.' 50

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and establishes a transit bonus payment program within the Department of Transportation. The program allows municipalities that increase qualifying expenditures for transit to apply to the department for a transit bonus to the municipality's Urban-Rural Initiative Program payment. Funds must be used for eligible purposes under the Urban-Rural Initiative Program.

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This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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