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An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief by Requiring the State To Maintain and Repair All Bridges in Maine

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative THOMAS of Ripley.
Cosponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot and
Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, CARR of Lincoln, EMERY of Cutler, FLOOD of
Winthrop, JOY of Crystal, LEWIN of Eliot, RICHARDSON of Carmel, VAUGHAN of
Durham.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §401**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 409, §2, is
4 further amended to read:

6 **§401. Construction, reconstruction and improvement**

8 The construction, reconstruction and improvement of all
10 bridges ~~on state highways~~ and all approaches to those bridges are
10 borne wholly by the State ~~except as otherwise provided in this~~
12 ~~Title.~~

12 **Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §402** is amended to read:

14 **§402. Maintenance**

16 The cost of maintenance of all bridges ~~on state highways,~~
18 and all approaches thereto, ~~shall-be~~ is borne wholly by the State.

20 **Sec. 3. 23 MRSA c. 9, sub-c. 4-A**, as amended, is repealed.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill provides property tax relief by requiring the
26 State to construct, improve and maintain all bridges in Maine,
28 regardless of the size of the bridge or whether the bridge is
located on a state, state aid or local road.