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### **An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Passenger Rail Funding**

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 19, 2007. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MARLEY of Portland.  
Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and  
Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, EBERLE of South Portland, HILL of York, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, MAZUREK of Rockland, PATRICK of Rumford, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, TURNER of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4210-B, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

3 7. Sales tax revenue. Beginning July 1, 2009 and every July 1st thereafter, the State  
4 Controller shall transfer to the STAR Transportation Fund the following amounts, as  
5 certified by the State Tax Assessor:

6 A. An amount that is equivalent to the revenue from the tax imposed on the value of  
7 rental for a period of less than one year of an automobile pursuant to Title 36, section  
8 1811;

9 B. An amount that is equivalent to 2% of the revenue from the tax imposed pursuant  
10 to Title 36, section 1811 on the value of:

11 (1) Liquor sold in licensed establishments;

12 (2) Rental of living quarters in any hotel, rooming house or tourist or trailer  
13 camp; and

14 (3) Prepared food;

15 C. An amount that is equivalent to 1% of the revenue from the tax imposed pursuant  
16 to Title 36, section 1811 on the value of a motor vehicle, as defined in Title 29-A,  
17 section 101, subsection 42;

18 D. An amount that is equivalent to 1% of the revenue from the tax imposed pursuant  
19 to Title 36, section 1811 on the value of an all-terrain vehicle as defined in Title 12,  
20 section 13001, subsection 3 and a snowmobile as defined in Title 12, section 13001,  
21 subsection 25; and

22 E. An amount that is equivalent to 2% of the revenue from the tax imposed pursuant  
23 to Title 36, section 1811 on the value of all other tangible personal property and  
24 taxable services.

25 The tax amounts must be based on actual cash receipts for that fiscal year and do not  
26 include any accruals that may be required by law. The amounts transferred under this  
27 subsection do not affect the calculation for the transfer of General Fund sales and use tax  
28 revenues to the Local Government Fund under Title 30-A, section 5681, subsection 5.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill, beginning July 1, 2009, dedicates a percentage of sales and use tax revenue  
31 to the State Transit, Aviation and Rail Transportation Fund, also known as the STAR  
32 Transportation Fund, to support transit, aeronautics and rail transportation, including the  
33 Downeaster train service.