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Majority

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TRANSPORTATION

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1673, L.D. 2313, Bill, "An Act To Keep Bridges Safe"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Keep Bridges Safe and Roads Passable'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §453, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

2. Fee. The annual service fee for a vanity registration plate is \$15 \$25 in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee. The service fee must be credited to the General Highway Fund, except that, beginning July 1, 2009, \$10 of the service fee must be transferred on a quarterly basis by the Treasurer of State to the TransCap Trust Fund established by Title 30-A, section 6006-G. A sum sufficient to defray the cost of this program must be allocated annually from the General Highway Fund.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 1 in the last blocked paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 34 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "transferred" the following: 'on a quarterly basis'

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph A in the last blocked paragraph in the first line (page 2, line 1 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "transferred" the following: 'on a quarterly basis'

Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 1 in the first blocked paragraph in the first line (page 2, line 17 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "transferred" the following: 'on a quarterly basis'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1673, L.D. 2313

1 'Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and
2 allocations are made.

3 **TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

4 **Highway and Bridge Capital 0406**

5 Initiative: Allocates additional funds on a one-time basis for the Highway and Bridge
6 Capital program.

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8	HIGHWAY FUND	2007-08	2008-09
9	Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$12,971,000
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11	HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$12,971,000

12 **Sec. 8. Effective date.** This Act takes effect September 1, 2008.'

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on
15 Transportation, provides an effective date of September 1, 2008. The amendment also
16 provides that the \$10 fee increases for the registration of noncommercial vehicles,
17 registration of commercial motor vehicles weighing 6,000 pounds or less, certificates of
18 title and vanity plates collected between the effective date of the Act and July 1, 2009 be
19 deposited into the Highway Fund and allocated on a one-time basis for the Highway and
20 Bridge Capital program during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The amendment
21 also clarifies that, beginning July 1, 2009, the \$10 fee increase must be transferred on a
22 quarterly basis by the Treasurer of State to the TransCap Trust Fund. The amendment
23 also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

24 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
25 **(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 2313

LR 3635(02)

An Act To Keep Bridges Safe

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Net Cost (Savings)				
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Highway Fund	\$0	\$12,971,000	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$55,565,400	\$55,565,400
Revenue				
Highway Fund	\$0	\$12,971,000	\$15,565,400	\$15,565,400
Transfers				
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$15,565,400)	(\$15,565,400)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$15,565,400	\$15,565,400

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill authorizes the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to issue up to \$160,000,000 in TransCap Trust Fund revenue bonds beginning in fiscal year 2009-10 through fiscal year 2012-13 for making improvements to bridges. The Maine Municipal Bond Bank will leverage the money in the TransCap Trust Fund and projected revenue to the TransCap Trust Fund to issue revenue bonds not to exceed the cap. The revenue bonds will be supported by an increase of \$10 to vanity registration plate, annual registration, and title fees. Beginning July 1, 2009, the fee increases will be transferred from undedicated Highway Fund revenue to the TransCap Trust Fund within the Maine Municipal Bond Bank and will result in an Other Special Revenue Funds transfer of \$15,565,400 beginning in fiscal year 2009-10, with a corresponding Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank in the same amount for debt service payments on the revenue bonds. An Other Special Revenue Funds allocation will be made to the Department of Transportation beginning in fiscal year 2009-10 of \$40,00,000 for capital improvements to bridges.

Since the fee increases are effective September 1, 2008, and the transfer of fee increases to the TransCap Fund does not begin until July 1, 2009, there will be an increase to undedicated Highway Fund revenue in fiscal year 2008-09 of \$12,971,000. The bill includes an allocation to the Department of Transportation of \$12,971,000 in fiscal year 2008-09 for capital projects.

Additional costs to the University of Maine System to work with the Department of Transportation to implement a bridge innovation and composites initiative can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.