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L.D. 486

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 348, L.D. 486, Bill, "An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2010"

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

Sec. 1. Allocation. Gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the calendar year ending December 31, 2010 must be segregated, apportioned and disbursed as designated in the following schedule.

| MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY | 2010 |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Administration | |
| Personal Services | \$675,164 |
| All Other | 1,021,529 |
| TOTAL | \$1,696,693 |
| Accounts and Controls | |
| Personal Services | \$1,720,793 |
| All Other | 785,552 |
| TOTAL | \$2,506,345 |
| Highway Maintenance | |
| Personal Services | \$2,410,484 |
| All Other | 1,704,466 |
| TOTAL | \$4,114,950 |

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|----|---|---------------------|
| 1 | Equipment Maintenance | |
| 2 | | |
| 3 | Personal Services | \$588,380 |
| 4 | All Other | 1,263,923 |
| 5 | | |
| 6 | TOTAL | <u>\$1,852,303</u> |
| 7 | | |
| 8 | Fare Collection | |
| 9 | | |
| 10 | Personal Services | \$6,437,963 |
| 11 | All Other | 2,717,520 |
| 12 | | |
| 13 | TOTAL | <u>\$9,155,483</u> |
| 14 | | |
| 15 | Public Safety and Special Services | |
| 16 | | |
| 17 | Personal Services | \$259,274 |
| 18 | All Other | 2,967,334 |
| 19 | | |
| 20 | TOTAL | <u>\$3,226,608</u> |
| 21 | | |
| 22 | Building Maintenance | |
| 23 | | |
| 24 | Personal Services | \$429,717 |
| 25 | All Other | 386,236 |
| 26 | | |
| 27 | TOTAL | <u>\$815,953</u> |
| 28 | | |
| 29 | Subtotal of Line Items Budgeted | \$23,368,334 |
| 30 | | |
| 31 | General Contingency - 5% of line items | 1,168,417 |
| 32 | budgeted for 2010 (10% allowed) | |
| 33 | | |
| 34 | MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY | |
| 35 | TOTAL REVENUE FUNDS | <u>\$24,536,751</u> |
| 36 | | |

37 Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

38 'Sec. 5. Rollback of turnpike tolls. The Maine Turnpike Authority shall
39 decrease turnpike tolls to the schedules used in fiscal year 2007-08.'

40 **SUMMARY**

41 Effective February 1, 2009, the Maine Turnpike Authority increased turnpike toll
42 rates, raising \$20,100,000 in revenue for the authority's operating expenses. This
43 amendment, which is the minority report, directs the Maine Turnpike Authority to roll
44 back the toll increase of February 1, 2009 and decreases the Maine Turnpike Authority's

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1 operating budget by \$20,100,000. The amendment makes allocations from Maine
2 Turnpike Authority funds of \$24,536,751 for the authority's operating expenses for the
3 calendar year ending December 31, 2010.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 486

LR 964(02)

An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2010

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B"
Committee: Transportation
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - Highway Fund
Current biennium revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds
Current biennium revenue decrease - Maine Turnpike Authority
Current biennium savings - Maine Turnpike Authority

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill makes allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority funds of \$24,536,751 for the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2010. Maine Turnpike Authority revenue of \$90,948,023 is budgeted to fund those allocations. Included in the budgeted revenue but not allocated is \$2,466,813 to pay off bonds authorized by the Legislature for specified Department of Transportation projects. These bonds were issued by the Maine Turnpike Authority pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1968, subsection 2-A. This bill also includes budgeted revenue of \$25,000,000 for the Reserve Maintenance Fund, \$26,264,560 for the Debt Service Fund and \$12,679,899 for capital improvements at new interchanges. The funds that are not allocated in the bill are not subject to the transfer limitations in section 2 of the bill.

The bill decreases the Maine Turnpike Authority tolls to the schedules used in fiscal year 2007-08 and results in a loss of revenue to the Authority of \$20,100,000 which has been allocated across the board to each operating expense category. Amounts budgeted for Public Safety and Special Services, which includes funds that are paid to the Department of Public Safety, State Police, have been reduced from \$5,398,112 to \$2,967,334, a \$2,430,778 reduction. The Department of Public Safety would need to either eliminate staff or shift staff to the Highway Fund to cover this reduction.