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MINORITY

(Filing No. S- **78**)

TRANSPORTATION

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STATE OF MAINE

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125TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 180, L.D. 597, Bill, "An Act To Provide Funding for the State Transit, Aviation and Rail Transportation Fund"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 (page 1, lines 2 to 16 in L.D.) 12 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1807, sub-§§4 and 5, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 681, §1, are amended to read:

4. Program funding cap. The annual amount available for distribution under this section may not exceed 2.5% of the annual funding dedicated for the Urban-Rural Initiative Program. All funds not distributed each year under this section lapse to the Highway Fund.

5. Distribution of funds. Beginning July 1, 2003, the 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 qualifying 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 qualifying expenditures, ridership or other factors determined by the department transferred from the State Transit, Aviation and Rail Transportation Fund established under section 4210-B to provide reimbursement to a municipality for eligible expenses up to an annual limit of the lesser of the amount of such expenses and \$3,000,000.'

29 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or 30 section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

32 This amendment, which is the minority report, keeps the cap removed by the bill on 33 the annual amount available for distribution to an eligible municipality at 2.5% of the 34 annual funding dedicated for the Urban-Rural Initiative Program. The amendment also 35 provides for full funding of the Department of Transportation's transit bonus payment

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program by authorizing the transfer of funding from the State Transit, Aviation and Rail
Transportation Fund to provide full reimbursement to a municipality for eligible expenses
under the transit bonus payment program. The amendment also provides that, if full
reimbursement is not provided to a municipality for eligible expenses, the reimbursement
amount is capped at \$3,000,000 annually.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" S. 78 Committee: Transportation Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)		1 1 2012 13		
General Fund	\$0	\$3,130,000	\$3,160,000	\$3,190,000
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General Fund	\$0	(\$3,130,000)	(\$3,160,000)	(\$3,190,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
State Transit, Aviation and Rail	\$0	\$130,000	\$160,000	\$190,000
Transportation Fund				

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation proposes to increase from 50% to 100% the transfer to the State Transit, Aviation and Rail Transportation Fund of revenue from the 10% sales and use tax on automobile rentals for one year or less as of July 1, 2012. This proposal will reduce revenue to the General Fund by \$3,130,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 and will increase revenue to the Department of Transportation, State Transit, Aviation and Rail Transportation Fund by the same amount. The legislation also proposes to transfer up to \$3,000,000 annually from the State Transit, Aviation and Rail Transportation Fund to the Urban-Rural Initiative Program within the Department of Transportation.