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**An Act To Expand Fiscally Responsible Transportation through  
Increased ZOOM Bus Service**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Heather J.R. Priest'.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MOULTON of York.  
Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and  
Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BEAULIEU of Auburn, BEAVERS of South  
Berwick, BOLDUC of Auburn, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CHIPMAN of Portland, DION of  
Portland, FOSTER of Augusta, HARLOW of Portland, HASKELL of Portland, HOGAN of  
Old Orchard Beach, KESCHL of Belgrade, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MALONEY of  
Augusta, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PILON of Saco, ROCHELO of Biddeford, RUSSELL of  
Portland, WAGNER of Lewiston, WEAVER of York, WELSH of Rockport, Senators:  
ALFOND of Cumberland, BLISS of Cumberland, HASTINGS of Oxford, WOODBURY of  
Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1961, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 504, Pt. C, §1, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **2. Cooperation with the Department of Transportation.** The Department of  
5 Transportation must be provided each year ~~the~~ at least 3% of operating revenues and any  
6 operating surplus of the Maine Turnpike Authority. The Maine Turnpike Authority may  
7 issue bonds or other obligations to pay for Department of Transportation projects. These  
8 amounts are considered necessary for use by the department for construction,  
9 reconstruction, operation and maintenance of all roads on the state highway system,  
10 which serve and benefit users of the turnpike by providing direct and indirect access to  
11 and from the turnpike as part of the integrated highway system. Due to the utilization of  
12 the state highway system by users of the turnpike, the turnpike and its users have received  
13 and will continue to receive a benefit from, or have caused and will continue to cause, or  
14 both, the State acting by and through the Department of Transportation to incur costs for  
15 the construction, operation and maintenance of the state highway system, which provides  
16 direct and indirect access to and from the turnpike to areas in the State for which the State  
17 may properly be and should be compensated from the tolls to be collected. The Maine  
18 Turnpike Authority should be maintained to carry out the purposes of this chapter in  
19 cooperation with the Department of Transportation.

20 **Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1961, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 613, §1 and  
21 affected by §7, is further amended to read:

22 **6. Appropriation.** On or before January 31st of each year, the authority shall  
23 present to each regular session of the Legislature for its approval a budget for the  
24 operating expenses of the authority for the calendar year that begins after the adjournment  
25 of that regular session and shall present to each regular session of the Legislature for  
26 informational purposes a statement of the revenues necessary for capital expenditures and  
27 reserves, and to meet the requirements of any resolution authorizing bonds of the  
28 authority during that calendar year, including debt service and the maintenance of  
29 reserves for debt service and reserve maintenance. The authority may only pay operating  
30 expenses in accordance with allocations approved by the Legislature or as necessary to  
31 satisfy the requirements of any resolution authorizing bonds of the authority. ~~The~~  
32 Operating revenues and any operating surplus under subsection 2 must be transferred to  
33 the Department of Transportation and expended in accordance with allocations approved  
34 by the Legislature.

35 **Sec. 3. Maine Turnpike Authority; ZOOM bus service to Lewiston and**  
36 **Auburn.** Before June 1, 2012, the Maine Turnpike Authority shall expand ZOOM bus  
37 service by adding a route between downtown Portland, Portland's North Deering  
38 neighborhood and downtown Lewiston and downtown Auburn by way of Maine  
39 Turnpike Exit 80, outer Lisbon Street, East Avenue, Campus Avenue, Main Street,  
40 Washington Street and Maine Turnpike Exit 75. The new route must include at least 16  
41 daily weekday round trips and limited weekend service.

