

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1310

S.P. 406

In Senate, March 19, 2019

**An Act To Address the Shortage of Department of Transportation
Snowplow Drivers and Other Transportation Workers**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham and
Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CARSON of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland,
President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TIPPING of
Orono.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
3 allocations are made.

4 **TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

5 **Maintenance and Operations 0330**

6 Initiative: Establishes 5 Transportation Crew Supervisor positions.

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8 HIGHWAY FUND	2019-20	2020-21
9 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
10 Personal Services	\$308,568	\$411,424
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12 HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$308,568</u>	<u>\$411,424</u>

13 **Maintenance and Operations 0330**

14 Initiative: Provides funding to increase the rate of pay for Transportation Worker, Field
15 Heavy Vehicle and Equipment Technician, Heavy Vehicle and Equipment Technician,
16 Highway Laborer, Transportation Crew Leader, Transportation Crew Supervisor,
17 Transportation Crew Technician, Highway Maintenance Superintendent and Welder and
18 Fabricator positions by \$2 per hour.

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20 HIGHWAY FUND	2019-20	2020-21
21 Personal Services	\$5,556,087	\$7,408,116
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23 HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,556,087</u>	<u>\$7,408,116</u>

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25 TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
26 DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2019-20	2020-21
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28 HIGHWAY FUND	\$5,864,655	\$7,819,540
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30 DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$5,864,655</u>	<u>\$7,819,540</u>

31 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill addresses the shortage of snowplow drivers and other transportation workers
33 in the Department of Transportation by:

- 34 1. Establishing 5 new Transportation Crew Supervisor positions; and
- 35 2. Increasing the rate of pay for certain positions in the Department of Transportation
36 by \$2 per hour.