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131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2024

Legislative Document

No. 2276

H.P. 1463

House of Representatives, March 25, 2024

**An Act to Increase Funding for the Snowmobile Trail Fund and the
ATV Recreational Management Fund**

Reported by Representative LANDRY of Farmington for the Joint Standing Committee on
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Order 2023, H.P. 1438.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

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

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §2903-D, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 452, §14, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Snowmobiles.** Of total gasoline tax revenues, ~~0.9045%~~ 1.0068% is distributed
5 among the following agencies in the following manner:

6 A. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife receives ~~14.93%~~ 13.41% of
7 that amount, to be used by the commissioner for the purposes set forth in Title 12,
8 section 1893, subsection 3, section 10206, subsection 2, section 13104, subsections 2
9 to ~~12~~ 10 and section 13105, subsection 1; and

10 B. The Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and
11 Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands, described in Title 12, section 1893, subsection 3,
12 receives ~~85.07%~~ 86.59% of that amount.

13 **Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §2903-D, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 501, §29, is further
14 amended to read:

15 **3. All-terrain vehicles.** Of total gasoline tax revenues, ~~0.1525%~~ 0.4593% is
16 distributed among the following agencies in the following manner:

17 A. The ATV Enforcement Grant and Aid Program established in Title 12, section
18 10322 receives ~~50%~~ 16.60% of that amount; and

19 B. The ATV Recreational Management Fund, established in Title 12, section 1893,
20 subsection 2 receives ~~50%~~ 83.40% of that amount.

21 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
22 allocations are made.

23 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**

24 **Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224**

25 Initiative: Provides allocations for grants to municipalities and all-terrain vehicle clubs.

26 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
27 All Other	\$0	\$786,605
28		
29 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$786,605</u>

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31 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND**

32 **FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**

33 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

34		
35 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$786,605
36		
37 DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$786,605</u>

38 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF**

39 **ATV Enforcement Fund Z276**

1 Initiative: Change in revenue from increasing the percentage of gasoline tax allocated to
 2 snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle purposes.

3	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
4	All Other	\$0	(\$13)
5			
6	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$13)</u>

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 8 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,**
 9 **DEPARTMENT OF**
 10 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

10		2023-24	2024-25
11			
12	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	(\$13)
13			
14	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$13)</u>

15 **MUNICIPAL BOND BANK, MAINE**

16 **TransCap Trust Fund Z064**

17 Initiative: Reduction in allocations from reducing the amount of gasoline taxes transferred
 18 from the Highway Fund to the TransCap Trust Fund.

19	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
20	All Other	\$0	(\$80,620)
21			
22	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$80,620)</u>

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 24 **MUNICIPAL BOND BANK, MAINE**
 25 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

25		2023-24	2024-25
26			
27	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	(\$80,620)
28			
29	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$80,620)</u>

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 31 **SECTION TOTALS**

31		2023-24	2024-25
32			
33	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$705,972
34			
35	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$705,972</u>

36 **SUMMARY**

37 This bill is being reported out to the Legislature by the Joint Standing Committee on
 38 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Order 2023, H.P. 1438. The bill makes
 39 several changes to the gasoline tax allocation to provide additional funding to the

1 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands'
2 Snowmobile Trail Fund and ATV Recreational Management Fund.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)



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Fiscal Note for Original Bill
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$58	\$57	\$56
Highway Fund	\$0	\$705,914	\$700,946	\$695,814
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$705,972	\$701,003	\$695,870
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$58)	(\$57)	(\$56)
Highway Fund	\$0	(\$705,914)	(\$700,946)	(\$695,814)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$705,972	\$701,003	\$695,870

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill increases the amount of gasoline taxes transferred from the Highway Fund to various snowmobile and ATV funds within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF). It results in a reduction in Highway Fund revenue of \$705,914, a decrease in General Fund revenue of \$58 and a reduction in TransCap Trust Fund revenue of \$80,620 in fiscal year 2024-25. It also reduces Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$80,620 in fiscal year 2024-25. The bill includes allocations of \$786,605 to the DACF in fiscal year 2024-25 and a deallocation of \$13 to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in fiscal year 2024-25.