

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

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**HOUSE**

**NO. 438**

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House of Representatives, March 22, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Keene from Committee on Ways and  
Bridges and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Dunbar of Orland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE**

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**AN ACT for Expediting Highway and Bridge Construction  
Work under Legislative Appropriations.**

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EMERGENCY PREAMBLE. Whereas, the season for  
road work in the state of Maine begins about April 15; and

Whereas, appropriations made by the legislature for road  
work are not available until the beginning of the fiscal year,  
on July 1; and

Whereas, between April 15 and July 1 road work can be  
done more advantageously, economically and with less incon-  
venience to the travelling public than at any other time; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of section sixteen of

article thirty-one of the constitution of the state of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore

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

Section 1. Any town to which under any legislative enactment or resolve money will become available for road and bridge work at the beginning of the fiscal year, may, on or at any time after April fifteenth preceding the commencement of the fiscal year for which such appropriation is made, anticipate the expenditure of any appropriation for repair or improvement of a highway or bridge, by arranging to finance such work from funds of the town, or otherwise, prior to the date when such appropriation will become available.

Sect. 2. The state auditor is hereby authorized to approve any bill or account created in accordance with the provisions of section one of this act, against any appropriation available in any fiscal year, as though said bill or account was incurred during the time for which said appropriation was made.

Sect. 3. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.