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In Senate, Dec. 7, 1933.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Murchie of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND
THIRTY-THREE

**AN ACT to amend the State Highway Fund Law providing Assurance to
the Federal Government for the Repayment of Loans.**

Whereas, the program of relief and of the construction of public works undertaken by the Federal Government has made available to the State of Maine a substantial sum for use in the construction of highways conditioned upon the giving by the state to the Federal Government of some undertaking for the repayment thereof, and

Whereas, under the limitations contained in the Constitution of the State of Maine it is impossible for the state to give its bond or note for such repayment, and

Whereas, the state highway fund as heretofore established provides for the availability and appropriation of a sum of money hereafter more than sufficient if properly applied to repay said fund over a term of years, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of Section 16 of Article XXXI of the Constitution 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:

Sec. 1. Chapter 251 of the public laws of 1931 as amended by Chapters 22 and 175 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby further amended

so that Sections 1 and 2 of said Chapter 251 of the public laws of 1931 as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 1. To provide funds for the construction of state aid and 3rd class highways, for the maintenance of state and state aid highways, and interstate, intrastate and international bridges, and for other items of expenditure hereinafter specified, there is hereby established a fund to be known as the general highway fund. This fund shall include all fees received from the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of operators thereof, the receipts from the tax on internal combustion engine fuels, all fines, forfeitures and costs accruing to the state under section 118 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 189 of the public laws of 1931, and all sums received on account of the state highway commission for permits to open highways, or from other sources, the disposition of which is not otherwise designated by law.'

'Sec. 2. After the payment from said general highway fund of such sums for interest and retirement as are necessary to meet the provisions of bond issues for state highway and bridge construction, the remainder of said fund shall be segregated, apportioned and expended as follows:

(1) \$100,000 annually for payment of the expenses of registering motor vehicles and licensing the operators thereof.

(2) \$155,000 annually for the maintenance of the state highway police.

(3) \$75,000 annually for the administration of the office and carrying out the duties of the state highway commission.

(4) \$175,000 annually for the administration of the tax, on internal combustion engine fuel, and for the payment of refunds on said tax, as provided by statute.

(5) \$1,000,000 annually for the repayment to the government of the United States of any monies advanced by said government of the United States in reliance on this provision for the construction of highways as a part of a program for the relief of distress and the construction of highways within the State of Maine.

(6) The remainder for the maintenance of state highways and state aid highways, and interstate, intrastate and international bridges, including that portion of the cost of clearing snow from highways which is borne by the state, as provided by statute.

(7) After the repayment in accordance with the annual appropriation of the fund provided in paragraph (5) above of all sums advanced by the government of the United States for the relief of unemployment and the construction of public works under the National Industrial Recovery Act so-called, \$700,000 annually for the construction of third class highways as defined by section 5 of chapter 28 of the revised statutes.'

Sec. 2. Sections 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 42, 43, 44, 46, 49 and 50 of Chapter 28 of the revised statutes are hereby repealed.