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In Senate, February 16, 1937.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Deering of York.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

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### **AN ACT to Aid Unimproved Rural Roads Traversed by Rural Letter Carriers.**

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

**Sec. 1. Improvement of rural roads.** Of the gross amount received by the state from the tax imposed upon internal combustion engine fuel, an amount equal to 5% of the sum received therefrom during the previous year, shall be set aside annually in a separate fund to be denominated "The Unimproved Highway Fund," and annually expended upon such highways as have received no state or federal aid, preference to be given to those roads which usually are used by rural mail carriers and by operators of school busses.

**Sec. 2. Allotment of funds.** The said fund shall be allotted to the cities and towns in proportion to the number of miles of said type of roads located within their respective limits and used for the foregoing purposes.

**Sec. 3. Construction.** Such money shall be used as soon as possible after May 1 of each year and not later than September 30th.

**Sec. 4. No contracts for the work.** None of this money shall be expended where such improvements to the roads are to be done under contract.

**Sec. 5. Payments made to the municipalities.** Any money available from this source must be paid to the city or town within 30 days after voucher has been submitted to the proper state authorities.

**Sec. 6. Amount of expenditure per mile.** Expenditure of the funds obtained under this act shall be limited to \$1500 per mile of road over a period of 10 years.