

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1229

House of Representatives, February 24, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Cross of Augusta.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-THREE

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**AN ACT to Create a Fund Known as "Town Road Maintenance and Improvement Fund."**

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

**Sec. 1. Town road maintenance and improvement fund created.** There is hereby established a special fund to be known as the "town road maintenance and improvement fund." The legislature shall appropriate for each fiscal year such amounts as they deem proper out of the general highway fund, but not to exceed 5% of the average annual gross income from the gasoline tax and registration fees for motor vehicles over the preceding 5-year period.

The various towns in the state shall receive from this fund for the purpose of improving such unimproved roads as the municipal officers of the various towns shall designate, such amounts as they would be entitled to figured on the basis of mileage of unimproved roads located within their respective limits as compared with the total amount of the mileage of unimproved roads within the towns in the state. The designation of the work shall be subject to the approval of the highway commission and the

money shall be expended under the general supervision of the highway commission.

The expenditures from this fund shall be for drainage, machine grading and gravelling and shall not exceed the sum of \$1,500 per mile, and the various towns shall furnish all road material, including clay, rocks, sand and gravel, and shall assume and pay any cost or damages arising from any change in location or grade, drainage, or alignment which may be deemed necessary by the commission.

**Sec. 2. Intent and purpose of act.** It shall be the intent and purpose of this act, to replace the blanket road resolve so-called and set up a more equal method of distribution of money for unimproved roads. Any town receiving aid through a road resolve, so called, shall have the amount of the same deducted from their share of this fund, except in such cases as the legislature shall deem in their judgment, to constitute an emergency.