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Reported by Senator Welch of Aroostook from Committee on Ways and Bridges and printed under joint rules No. 10.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Make Allocations from the General Highway Fund for the
Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1948, and June 30, 1949.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves passed by the legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of the state highway commission will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 1947; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for and 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. Allocation of general highway fund. Income to the general highway fund for the next two fiscal years—from July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948 and from July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949—shall be segregated, apportioned, and expended as designated in the following schedules:

	1947-48	1948-49
A Bond Interest	429,868.00	375,145.00
B Bond Retirement	1,729,000.00	1,629,000.00
C State Highway Commission		
1. General Administration	208,500.00	209,500.00
2. Highway Planning	16,000.00	16,000.00
3. Maintenance of Bridges	440,000.00	440,000.00
4. Maintenance and Betterments—Improved state and state aid highways. Provided that of the above mentioned amount a sum not to exceed \$150,000 in each fiscal year may be used at the discretion of the State Highway Commission for improvement of unimproved sections of designated state and state aid highways and reconstruction of third class highways	5,700,000.00	5,925,000.00
5. Removal of snow from highways	1,700,000.00	1,700,000.00
6. Construction of bridges (Sec. 82-92, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944)	812,500.00	812,500.00
7. Roads on North Haven, Vinalhaven, Swan's Island, Isle au Haut, and Cranberry Isle in accordance with Chapter 99, Private and Special Laws of 1937, and Chapter 87, Private and Special Laws of 1939	4,000.00	4,000.00
8. Compensation for injuries under terms of the Workmen's Compensation Act	50,000.00	50,000.00
9. Construction of state aid highways	800,000.00	850,000.00
10. For expenditures for improved roads "Town Road Improvement Fund", Sections 42-A to 42-E inclusive of Chapter 20, Revised Statutes of 1944, as amended	520,000.00	520,000.00

	1947-48	1948-49
II. Special Resolves of the Legislature for repair and construction of high- ways and bridges	175,000.00	150,000.00
D State Police		
1. General Administration	541,426.00	542,413.00
E Public Buildings, Superintendent of		
1. State Police Headquarters, main- tenance	7,195.00	7,300.00
2. Motor Vehicle Registration Build- ing, maintenance	9,700.00	10,000.00
F Secretary of State		
1. Motor Vehicle Division, for expenses of registering motor vehicles and licensing drivers thereof	264,390.00	280,179.00
G Contributions and Transfers to Other Funds		
1. Bureau of Taxation for Administra- tion of Gasoline and Use Fuel Tax	49,877.00	49,877.00
2. To the General Fund for accounting, auditing, purchasing and legal ser- vices rendered to the State High- way Commission	53,526.00	53,068.00
3. To Special Revenue Funds for audit- ing services rendered to the State Highway Commission	3,500.00	3,500.00
4. To Trust and Agency Funds for Employees' Retirement System	105,524.00	107,168.00
	<hr/> 13,620,000.00	<hr/> 13,734,650.00
H An amount not to exceed \$5,300,000.00 may be apportioned by the State High- way Commission from the Unappropri- ated General Highway Fund Surplus during the biennium ending June 30, 1949, to match Federal funds apportioned to		

the state of Maine under the Federal Act of 1944.

The State Highway Commission may enter into agreements with the Public Roads Administration of the Federal Works Agency to provide for obligating \$2,700,000.00 of General Highway Funds to be collected during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950 for the purpose of matching Federal-aid apportioned to the state of Maine under the Federal Act of 1944.

The State Highway Commission may expend state and/or Federal funds not exceeding \$200,000 for maintenance and repairs of the Vaughan Bridge in Cumberland County between Portland and South Portland.

I The unappropriated General Highway Fund Surplus may be apportioned at the discretion of the State Highway Commission for the following purposes:—

1. For payment of such cost as may be necessary for bond interest and retirement in addition to the amount hereinbefore allocated.
2. For matching Federal funds.
3. For Maintenance and Betterment of improved state and state aid highways.
4. For the construction of bridges on state, state aid and third class highways under provisions of Sections 82 to 92 inclusive, Chapter 20, Revised Statutes.
5. For extra administration costs not anticipated in the budget of any department or agency receiving allocations from the General Highway Fund.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble this act shall take effect when approved.