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H. P. 1327

House of Representatives, February 11, 1949.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Campbell of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Facilitate the Construction and Operation of Additional
Sections of the Maine Turnpike.**

Preamble. Whereas, the present turnpike is in fact a public highway, owned and operated by the state of Maine by and through the Maine Turnpike Authority, an instrumentality of the state; and

Whereas, further extension of the turnpike system would facilitate travel to and from greater areas of the state, and thereby benefit a larger number of people of the state of Maine; and

Whereas, all revenues now derived from the operation of the present section of the turnpike are necessarily pledged for the operation and maintenance of that section and the payment of interest and retirement of the bonds issued for the construction of that section, and are therefore not available for the purpose of making traffic studies and surveys preparatory to the construction of an additional unit or units; and

Whereas, by the provisions of chapter 101 of the public laws of 1947, the gasoline tax was applied to gasoline used on turnpikes operated and maintained by the Maine Turnpike Authority; and

Whereas, the amount of gasoline tax attributable to the use of highways

operated and maintained by the Maine Turnpike Authority has not accrued to the Turnpike Authority; now, therefore,

In order to provide funds to enable the authority to make studies and surveys preliminary to the construction of further sections of turnpike, and in order to further facilitate the construction of additional sections of the turnpike;

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

R. S., c. 20, § 107, sub-§ VIII, additional. Section 107 of chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new subsection to be numbered VIII, to read as follows:

‘VIII. For traffic studies and surveys and the purposes of chapter 69 of the private and special laws of 1941 as may be determined by the Maine Turnpike Authority, and the amount available therefor shall be the amount of tax on internal combustion engine fuel calculated upon the miles of motor vehicle travel over highways under the jurisdiction of the Maine Turnpike Authority at the rate of 1 gallon of fuel for each 15 miles of motor vehicle travel. The treasurer of state shall pay such amount monthly to the treasurer of the Turnpike authority except that on the 12th payment for each fiscal year there shall be deducted from such settlement a pro rata amount for the purpose of subsection IV of this section. Provided, however, that funds received under the provisions of this section shall not be pledged or used to pay either interest or principal on any bonds of the authority now outstanding.’