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In Senate, January 28, 1953

Referred to the Committee on Highways, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Robbins of Aroostook

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

**AN ACT to Make Allocations from the General Highway Fund for the
Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1954, and June 30, 1955.**

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, 1953; 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, 1953, to June 30,

1954, and from July 1, 1954, to June 30, 1955—shall be segregated, apportioned, and expended as designated in the following schedules:

Department	1953-54	1954-55
BOND INTEREST	\$ 379,590	\$ 425,980
BOND RETIREMENT	719,000	811,500
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES		
General Administration, State Highway Commission	500,061	523,593
Topographic Mapping	10,000	10,000
Contingent Expenses	150,000	150,000
Improved State and State Aid Roads	2,130,000	2,130,000
Bridge Maintenance	450,000	450,000
Construction of Picnic Areas	25,000	25,000
Traffic Services	150,000	150,000
Maintenance of State and State Aid Roads	6,500,000	6,500,000
Town Road Improvement Fund	800,000	800,000
Compensation for Injuries	50,000	50,000
Snow Removal	2,250,000	2,250,000
Maintenance and Operation of Radio Equip- ment	51,256	41,923
Grade Crossing Protection	20,000	20,000
Bridge Loan Fund	800,000	800,000
Highway Loan Fund	5,000,000	5,000,000
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		
State Police:		
General Administration	924,634	929,233
Maintenance of State Police Head- quarters	11,248	11,135
SECRETARY OF STATE		
Motor Vehicle Division, General Adminis- tration	435,024	436,230
Maintenance of Motor Vehicle Registration Building	13,577	11,945
CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS		
To General Fund:		
Accounting Services	52,300	52,300
Auditing Services	4,200	4,200
Purchasing Services	1,425	2,075

Department	1953-54	1954-55
Legal Services	12,000	12,000
Bureau of Taxation, administration of Gasoline and Use Fuel Tax	40,979	40,936
To Other Special Revenue Funds:		
Auditing Services	5,500	5,750
To Trust and Agency Funds:		
Employees' Retirement System-Pension	210,867	208,330
Employees' Retirement System-Expense	4,000	4,100
	\$21,700,661	\$21,856,230
Total legislative allocations		

Sec. 2. Reduction in revenue. In the event that actual revenue receipts are less than the estimated revenues projected for either year of the biennium ending June 30, 1955, the state highway commission, with the approval of the governor and council, shall reduce the funds herein allocated for new construction of highways, except those highways which may be determined by the state highway commission and the governor and council to be vital for national security purposes. The reduction in allocations to be such as to offset, as nearly as possible, the reduction in revenue.

Sec. 3. Allocation of the unappropriated general highway fund surplus. The unappropriated general highway fund surplus, with the approval of the governor and council, may be apportioned by 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 amounts hereinbefore allocated.
2. For federal matching funds.
3. For maintenance of state and state aid highways.
4. For construction of bridges on state, state aid and third class highways under the provisions of sections 82 to 92, inclusive, of chapter 20 of the revised statutes.
5. For extra administration costs not anticipated in the budget of any department or agency receiving allocations from the general highway fund.

At the end of each year of the biennium all unencumbered allocated balances representing state monies, except those that carry forward as provided by law, shall be lapsed to unappropriated surplus as provided by section 23, of chapter 14, of the revised statutes of 1944. At the end of each fiscal year of the biennium all encumbered allocation balances shall

be carried forward to the next fiscal year, but in no event shall encumbered allocation balances be carried more than once.

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