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Chapter 251.

AN ACT to Establish a General Highway Fund, and Relating to the Construction and Maintenance of State, State Aid and Third Class Highways.

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

Sec. 1. General highway fund established. To provide funds for the construction of state aid and third class highways, for the maintenance of state and state aid highways and interstate and international bridges, and for other items of expenditure hereinafter specified, there is hereby established a fund to be known as "the general highway fund." This fund shall include all fees received from the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of operators thereof, the receipts from the tax of one mill on the valuation of the state known as the mill tax highway fund, the receipts from the tax on gasoline and internal combustion motor fuels, the appropriation of three hundred thousand dollars provided for in section forty-two of chapter twenty-eight of the revised statutes, all fines, forfeitures and costs accruing to the state under section one hundred eighteen of chapter twenty-nine of the revised statutes, and all sums received on account of the state highway commission for permits to open highways or from other sources the disposition of which is not otherwise designated by law.

Sec. 2. Apportionment of the "general highway fund". After the payment therefrom of such sums for interest and retirement as are necessary to meet the provisions of bond issues for state highway and bridge construction, the remainder of the general highway fund shall be segregated, apportioned and expended as follows:

1. One hundred sixty thousand dollars annually for the payment of the expense of registering motor vehicles and licensing the operators thereof.

2. One hundred sixty thousand dollars annually for the maintenance of the state highway police.

3. One hundred sixty-five thousand dollars annually for the administration of the office and carrying out the duties of the state highway commission.

4. One hundred ninety thousand dollars annually for the administration of the tax on gasoline and internal combustion motor fuels and for the payments of rebates provided by said tax.

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5. One hundred fifty thousand dollars annually for defraying appropriations for highway and bridge construction by special legislative resolves.

6. Two million, seven hundred thousand dollars annually for the construction of state aid roads, including roads constructed under the three towns act and the five times act, so-called; provided, however, that in the event that applications for state expenditure under this purpose exceed the available amount set up as above, allotments to the several towns shall be reduced in equal proportions on all classes of state aid highway.

7. Seven hundred thousand dollars annually for the construction of third class roads.

8. The remainder for the maintenance of state and state aid highways and interstate, intrastate and international bridges, including the state's share of the cost of snow removal.

Sec. 3. Allocation changed providing gasoline tax is increased. In the event that an act of the present legislature increasing the tax on gasoline shall become effective, there shall be segregated, apportioned and expended annually instead of the amounts set forth in section two, for the fourth purpose two hundred twenty thousand dollars, and for the sixth purpose three million two hundred thousand dollars; in addition the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars annually for rural free delivery roads; and the remainder of the general highway fund, including therein the proceeds of such increased tax on gasoline shall, after carrying out the first, second, third, fifth and seventh purposes, be used for maintenance according to the eighth purpose.

Sec. 4. Unexpended balances; lapses; transfers. Such unexpended balances of the general highway fund as have been set up for general construction and maintenance of highways and bridges shall be deemed non-lapsing carrying accounts. All other unexpended balances shall lapse into the general highway fund at the end of each fiscal period. Transfers from one account of the general highway fund to another account shall be made only with the approval of the governor and council.

Sec. 5. Repealing clause. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby amended to conform to the provisions hereof.

Approved April 3, 1931.