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**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2009**

municipal treasurer and renewed annually by vote of the municipal officers.

(2) The municipal officers may adopt a written policy to permit the disbursement of payments for municipal education costs when a disbursement warrant has been signed by the school superintendent and approved by a majority of the school board or by a finance committee appointed or duly elected by the school board. The policy must be filed with the town clerk and the municipal treasurer and renewed annually by vote of the municipal officers;

(3) The municipal officers may adopt a written policy to permit the disbursement of state fees when a disbursement warrant has been signed by one or more designated municipal officers. The policy must be filed with the town clerk and the municipal treasurer and renewed annually by vote of the municipal officers;

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 7

### H.P. 54 - L.D. 61

#### **An Act To Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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

**Whereas**, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state departments and institutions will become due and payable immediately; 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 the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

## PART A

**Sec. A-1. Allocations.** There are allocated from the various funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, to the departments listed, the following sums.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

#### **Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for anticipated changes in heating fuel costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$121,230	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$121,230	\$0	\$0

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
HIGHWAY FUND	\$121,230	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$121,230	\$0	\$0

### **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

#### **Highway Safety DPS 0457**

Initiative: Provides funding for blood alcohol tests for the implied consent program due to increased cost of the tests and rising number of tests conducted.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$23,000	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$23,000	\$0	\$0

#### **Motor Vehicle Inspection 0329**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of gasoline.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$12,361	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$12,361	\$0	\$0

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for anticipated changes in heating fuel costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$13,911	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$13,911	\$0	\$0

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for anticipated changes in utility costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$8,074	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$8,074	\$0	\$0

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of gasoline.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$198,165	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$198,165	\$0	\$0

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Reduces funding for overtime associated with training. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	(\$19,498)	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$302)	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$19,800)	\$0	\$0

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Reduces funding for out-of-state travel except for emergency investigative purposes. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$22,500)	\$0	\$0

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$22,500)	\$0	\$0
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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Reduces funding for overtime in the State Bureau of Identification. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	(\$34,122)	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$528)	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$34,650)	\$0	\$0

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Reduces funding from savings in insurance premiums. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$15,000)	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$15,000)	\$0	\$0

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Reduces funding by managing vacant positions in fiscal year 2008-09. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	(\$91,754)	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$1,419)	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$93,173)	\$0	\$0

**State Police - Support 0981**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of STA-CAP.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$595	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$595	\$0	\$0

**Traffic Safety 0546**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for anticipated changes in heating fuel costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$1,257	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$1,257	\$0	\$0

**PUBLIC SAFETY,  
DEPARTMENT OF  
DEPARTMENT  
TOTALS**

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
HIGHWAY FUND	\$72,240	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$72,240	\$0	\$0

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF  
Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for anticipated changes in utility costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$41,930	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$41,930	\$0	\$0

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for an increase in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' STA-CAP rate from 4.723% to 5.456%.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$265,235	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$265,235	\$0	\$0

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of leases and operating costs within the branch offices.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$95,256	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$95,256	\$0	\$0

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Reduces funding by managing vacant positions in fiscal year 2008-09.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	(\$954,558)	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$954,558)	\$0	\$0

**SECRETARY OF  
STATE,  
DEPARTMENT OF  
DEPARTMENT  
TOTALS**

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
HIGHWAY FUND	(\$552,137)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$552,137)	\$0	\$0

**TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF  
Administration 0339**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for anticipated changes in utility costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$239	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$239	\$0	\$0

**Administration 0339**

Initiative: Reduces funding by managing vacant positions and overtime in fiscal year 2008-09.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	(\$200,000)	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$200,000)	\$0	\$0

**Administration 0339**

Initiative: Reduces Capital Expenditures funding by delaying equipment purchases.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Capital Expenditures	(\$50,000)	\$0	\$0

HIGHWAY FUND	(\$50,000)	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

**Bond Interest - Highway 0358**

Initiative: Reduces funding in the Bond Interest - Highway account.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
All Other	(\$1,630,165)	\$0	\$0

HIGHWAY FUND	(\$1,630,165)	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

**Bond Retirement - Highway 0359**

Initiative: Reduces funding in the Bond Retirement - Highway program.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
All Other	(\$245,000)	\$0	\$0

HIGHWAY FUND	(\$245,000)	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

**Callahan Mine Site Restoration Z007**

Initiative: Provides funding for litigation support and legal initiatives for the Callahan Mine Restoration Site.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
All Other	\$200,000	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$200,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

**Fleet Services 0347**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for anticipated changes in utility costs.

<b>FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
All Other	\$41,455	\$0	\$0

FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT TOTAL	\$41,455	\$0	\$0
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**Highway and Bridge Capital 0406**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for anticipated changes in utility costs.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
All Other	\$1,896	\$0	\$0

HIGHWAY FUND	\$1,896	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

**Highway and Bridge Capital 0406**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for anticipated level of activities for infrastructure capital projects based on available resources.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
Capital Expenditures	(\$3,717,652)	\$0	\$0

HIGHWAY FUND	(\$3,717,652)	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

**Island Ferry Service 0326**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for anticipated changes in the cost of diesel fuel, gasoline and heating oil.

<b>ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
All Other	\$100,000	\$0	\$0

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

**Island Ferry Service 0326**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for anticipated changes in utility costs.

<b>ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
All Other	\$17,625	\$0	\$0

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND	\$17,625	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

**Maintenance and Operations 0330**

Initiative: Adjusts funding for anticipated changes in the cost of diesel fuel, gasoline and heating oil.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
All Other	\$140,000	\$0	\$0

HIGHWAY FUND	\$140,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			

**Maintenance and Operations 0330**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased quantity and cost of salt. This will provide for the increase in salt from \$56.78 per ton to \$72 per ton for 100,000 tons of salt. This also adds an additional 12,000 tons of salt at \$72 per ton.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$2,386,000	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$2,386,000	\$0	\$0

### Maintenance and Operations 0330

Initiative: Adjusts funding for anticipated changes in utility costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$207,652	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$207,652	\$0	\$0

### Maintenance and Operations 0330

Initiative: Reduces funding by managing vacant positions and overtime in fiscal year 2008-09.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	(\$4,500,000)	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$4,500,000)	\$0	\$0

### Maintenance and Operations 0330

Initiative: Reduces Capital Expenditures funding by delaying equipment purchases.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Capital Expenditures	(\$1,000,000)	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$1,000,000)	\$0	\$0

### Maintenance and Operations 0330

Initiative: Provides funding for emergency repairs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$1,760,000	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$1,760,000	\$0	\$0

### Marine Highway Transportation Z016

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the state support to 50% of the operating cost of the Maine State Ferry Service in accordance with Public Law 2005, chapter 664, Part C.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$0	\$0

### Marine Highway Transportation Z016

Initiative: Adjusts funding for anticipated changes in utility costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$8,812	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$8,812	\$0	\$0

### State Transit, Aviation and Rail Transportation Fund Z017

Initiative: Adjusts funding for anticipated changes in utility costs.

STATE TRANSIT, AVIATION AND RAIL TRANSPORTATION FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$3,120	\$0	\$0
STATE TRANSIT, AVIATION AND RAIL TRANSPORTATION FUND TOTAL	\$3,120	\$0	\$0

### Urban-Rural Initiative Program 0337

Initiative: Reduces funding for the Urban-Rural Initiative Program as provided by law due to a reduction in the Department of Transportation's budget as a result of declining Highway Fund revenues.

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$729,757)	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$729,757)	\$0	\$0

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF				All Other	(\$2,936)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	HIGHWAY FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS				TOTAL			
HIGHWAY FUND	(\$7,517,975)	\$0	\$0	SECRETARY OF			
OTHER SPECIAL	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	STATE,			
REVENUE FUNDS				DEPARTMENT OF			
FLEET SERVICES	\$41,455	\$0	\$0	DEPARTMENT	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
FUND - DOT				TOTALS			
STATE TRANSIT,	\$3,120	\$0	\$0	HIGHWAY FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AVIATION AND							
RAIL				DEPARTMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
TRANSPORTATION				TOTAL - ALL			
FUND				FUNDS			
ISLAND FERRY	\$117,625	\$0	\$0				
SERVICES FUND							
DEPARTMENT	(\$7,155,775)	\$0	\$0	TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF			
TOTAL - ALL				Administration 0339			
FUNDS				Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS			
SECTION TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
HIGHWAY FUND	(\$7,876,642)	\$0	\$0	Personal Services	\$18,195	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	All Other	(\$18,195)	\$0	\$0
REVENUE FUNDS							
FLEET SERVICES	\$41,455	\$0	\$0	HIGHWAY FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
FUND - DOT				TOTAL			
STATE TRANSIT,	\$3,120	\$0	\$0				
AVIATION AND							
RAIL							
TRANSPORTA-							
TION FUND							
ISLAND FERRY	\$117,625	\$0	\$0				
SERVICES FUND							
SECTION TOTAL -	(\$7,514,442)	\$0	\$0	HIGHWAY FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
ALL FUNDS				TOTAL			

**PART B**

**Sec. B-1. Allocations.** There are allocated from the various funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, to the departments listed, the sums identified in the following, in order to provide funding for approved reclassifications and range changes.

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF  
Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

HIGHWAY FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$2,936	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
EXPENDITURES			
FUND			
Personal Services	\$41,620	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$41,620)	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL	\$0	\$0	\$0
EXPENDITURES			
FUND TOTAL			

**Island Ferry Service 0326**

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS



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<b>ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
Personal Services	\$71,892	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$71,892)	\$0	\$0

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**Maintenance and Operations 0330**

**Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
Personal Services	\$12,378	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$12,378)	\$0	\$0

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
Personal Services	\$1,172	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$1,172)	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**Public Transportation 0443**

**Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
Personal Services	\$6,259	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$6,259)	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**Suspense Receivable - Transportation 0344**

**Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
Personal Services	\$161	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$161)	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
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<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
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<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**PART C**

**Sec. C-1. Compensation and Benefit Plan; lapsed balances; Administrative and Financial Services, Highway Fund.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$12,652 in projected salary savings in the Personal Services line category in the Compensation and Benefit Plan, Highway Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services lapses to the Highway Fund at the close of fiscal year 2008-09. These savings are the result of not granting a 4% salary increase effective January 1, 2009 to those unclassified employees whose salaries are subject to the Governor's adjustment or approval.

**PART D**

**Sec. D-1. 23 MRSA §2705**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 272, is further amended to read:

**§2705. Appropriation insufficient**

When the amount appropriated is not sufficient to repair or maintain the ways, a road commissioner may, with the written consent of the municipal officers, pay an amount not exceeding 15% of the amount so appropriated in addition to the amount appropriated.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 17, 2009.

**CHAPTER 8****S.P. 63 - L.D. 177**

**An Act To Modify the Maine  
Dental Education Loan  
Program**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, the Maine Dental Education Loan Program is limited to 3 combined awards annually and an aggregate of 12; and

**Whereas**, money in the program is currently sufficient to fund additional awards; and

**Whereas**, that money could be awarded in 2009 but for the current limitation and, if the limitation were eliminated in time to make awards to eligible students entering dental school in 2009, more students could benefit; and

**Whereas**, there is an urgent need in the State of Maine for additional dentists practicing primary dentistry, which this program addresses by providing financial support for dental students and certain dental practitioners; 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 the 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. 20-A MRSA §12302, sub-§1**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 510, Pt. E, §1, is amended to read:

**1. Establishment.** The Maine Dental Education Loan Program, referred to in this chapter as "the program," is established. The authority shall administer the program. Under this program, beginning in fiscal year 2000-01 and ending in fiscal year 2007-08, the chief executive officer shall award up to 3 loans or loan repayment agreements annually up to an aggregate of 12. Beginning in fiscal year 2008-09, the chief executive officer shall award up to 3 loans or loan repayment agreements annually and may award additional loans or loan repayment agreements annually as funds permit. As provided in subsection 3:

A. Loans are available to Maine residents enrolled in a dental school; or

B. A loan repayment agreement is available to a person who is eligible for licensure as a doctor of dental medicine in Maine and who has outstanding dental education loans.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 18, 2009.

**CHAPTER 9****H.P. 94 - L.D. 110**

**An Act To Allow School Buses  
To Travel at the Posted Speed  
Limit on the Interstate and the  
Maine Turnpike**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2074, sub-§1, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 577, §30, is further amended to read:

E. On ways with a higher maximum speed limit, 45 miles per hour for a school bus transporting pupils to and from school. At all other times, a school bus may not exceed 55 miles per hour, except that on an interstate highway, as defined in Title 23, section 1903, subsection 3, and on the turnpike, as defined in Title 23, section 1964, subsection 9, a school bus may not exceed the posted speed limit.

See title page for effective date.