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All Other	(\$7,242)	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
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PART C

Sec. C-1. PL 2009, c. 600, Pt. H, §1 is amended to read:

Sec. H-1. Carrying provision; Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balance in the All Other line category on June 30, 2010 ~~and on~~ June 30, 2011 ~~and June 30, 2012~~ in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program. The amount carried forward may not exceed a total of ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$1,800,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2011 ~~and may carry forward into fiscal year 2011-12~~ 2013. The amount carried forward must be used for the acquisition of a document management system to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the department's operations.

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

Effective April 1, 2011.

**CHAPTER 21
S.P. 46 - L.D. 104**

An Act Regarding Audits of State Agency Expenditures To Recover Overpayments and Lost Discounts

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

Whereas, this legislation provides for the identification and recovery of payments made in error by the State; and

Whereas, the current economic situation demands that the State take measures such as those required by this legislation as soon as possible; 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:

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Personal Services	\$9,963	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$9,963)	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Personal Services	\$905	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$905)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0
TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
HIGHWAY FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
SECTION TOTALS	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
HIGHWAY FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1622 is enacted to read:

§1622. Recovery of certain state agency overpayments

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Overpayment" means a payment made to a vendor:

- (1) In duplicate for a single invoice;
- (2) In the amount of a discount available from the vendor that was not applied;
- (3) For a late payment penalty that was improperly applied by the vendor;
- (4) For shipping costs that were computed incorrectly or incorrectly included in an invoice;
- (5) For any commodities billed at an amount higher than negotiated in a contract or master agreement;
- (6) For a state tax imposed pursuant to Title 36; or
- (7) For a good or service the vendor did not provide.

B. "State agency" means a department, commission, board, office or other entity that is in the executive branch of State Government.

2. Recovery audits for certain overpayments.

In addition to the audit authorized pursuant to section 1621, at least once every 10 years the State Controller shall contract with one or more consultants to conduct recovery audits of payments made by state agencies to vendors. The audits must be designed to detect and recover overpayments to the vendors and to recommend improved state agency accounting operations. A state agency shall provide the recovery audit consultant all information necessary for the audit.

A. A contract under this subsection:

- (1) May provide for reasonable compensation for services provided under the contract, including compensation determined by the application of a specified percentage of the total amount recovered because of the consultant's audit activities or recommendations as a fee for services; and
- (2) To allow time for the performance of existing state payment auditing procedures, may not allow a recovery audit of a payment during the 180-day period after the date the payment was made.

B. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the State Controller or a state agency whose payments

are being audited may provide a person acting under a contract authorized by this subsection with any confidential information in the custody of the State Controller or state agency that is necessary for the performance of the audit or the recovery of an overpayment, to the extent the State Controller and state agency are not prohibited from sharing the information under an agreement with another state or the Federal Government. A person acting under a contract authorized by this subsection, and each employee or agent of that person, is subject to all prohibitions against the disclosure of confidential information obtained from the State in connection with the contract that apply to the State Controller or applicable state agency or an employee of the State Controller or applicable state agency. A person acting under a contract authorized by this subsection or an employee or agent of the person who discloses confidential information in violation of a prohibition under this subsection is subject to the same sanctions and penalties that would apply to the State Controller or applicable state agency or an employee of the State Controller or applicable state agency for that disclosure.

3. Funds recovered and payments to consultants. The State Controller shall deposit all recovered money in a nonlapsing Other Special Revenue Funds audit recovery account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. From the audit recovery account, the State Controller shall make payment to a consultant that conducts a recovery audit under subsection 2 according to the negotiated contract and refund amounts in accordance with state or federal regulations. Any amounts not refunded or paid to the consultant must be identified in the report pursuant to subsection 4.

4. Reports. The State Controller shall provide the following reports.

A. Within 7 days of receipt, the State Controller shall provide copies of any reports, including those in electronic form, received from a consultant contracted with pursuant to subsection 2 to:

- (1) The Governor;
- (2) The State Auditor; and
- (3) The Legislative Council.

B. Not later than December 1st of each odd-numbered year, the State Controller shall issue a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters summarizing the contents of all reports received from a consultant contracted pursuant to subsection 2 during

the state fiscal biennium ending June 30th of that year.

5. Rules. The State Controller may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section. Rules adopted under this subsection are major substantive rules pursuant to chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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

Effective April 11, 2011.

CHAPTER 22

S.P. 203 - L.D. 622

An Act To Permit the Display of the National Emergency Service Medal on Registration Plates of Recipients

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2009, c. 437, §1, is further amended to read:

5. Special commemorative decals for medals, badges or ribbons awarded. The Secretary of State may issue special commemorative decals for use with special veterans registration plates to any person who served in the United States Armed Forces, was honorably discharged and was awarded a medal, badge or ribbon described in paragraphs A to Z AA when that person's application is accompanied by the appropriate military certification verifying that the medal, badge or ribbon was awarded to the applicant. One set of commemorative decals may be issued for each set of special veterans registration plates issued under this section. One set of 2 commemorative decals must be displayed on the front and back plates. The fee for a set of commemorative decals may not exceed \$5.

Special commemorative decals may be issued to applicants awarded the following medals, badges or ribbons:

- A. Distinguished Service Cross;
- B. Navy Cross;
- C. Air Force Cross;
- D. Silver Star;
- E. Distinguished Flying Cross;
- F. Bronze Star;
- G. Soldier's Medal;
- H. Navy or Marine Corps Medal;

- I. Airman's Medal;
- J. Coast Guard Medal;
- K. Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal;
- L. European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal;
- M. Korean Service Medal;
- N. Vietnam Service Medal;
- O. Southwest Asia Service Medal;
- P. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal;
- Q. Kosovo Service Medal;
- R. Korea Defense Service Medal;
- S. Global War on Terrorism Medal;
- T. Iraq Campaign Medal;
- U. Afghanistan Campaign Medal;
- V. United States Army Combat Infantry Badge;
- W. United States Army Combat Medic Badge;
- X. United States Army Combat Action Badge;
- Y. United States Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard Combat Action Ribbon; ~~and~~
- Z. United States Air Force Combat Action Medal; and
- AA. National Emergency Service Medal.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 437, §2, is amended to read:

7. Moratorium on special commemorative decals for medals, badges or ribbons awarded. During the period beginning October 1, 2009 and ending October 1, 2014, the Secretary of State may not issue any special commemorative decals not authorized by subsection 5, paragraphs A to Z AA or subsection 6, paragraphs A to E for use with special veterans registration plates.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 23

H.P. 126 - L.D. 143

An Act Relating to Disability License Plates and Placards for People with Permanent Disabilities

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §521, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2009, c. 143, §1, is further amended to read: