## MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## **LAWS**

#### **OF THE**

## STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION January 3, 2024 to May 10, 2024

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Augusta, Maine 2024

allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank remains allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 7 for calendar year 2024. Ten million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2025 is allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 7.

Sec. 4. Allocation to the Maine State **Housing Authority.** The \$50,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2024 previously allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority remains allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 4 for calendar year 2024. An additional \$50,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2024, previously unallocated, is allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 4. One hundred million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2025 is allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 4.

**Sec. 5.** Unallocated state ceiling. Thirty-eight million two hundred thirty thousand dollars of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2024 is unallocated and must be reserved for future allocation in accordance with applicable laws. Sixty-eight million two hundred thirty thousand dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2025 is unallocated and must be reserved for future allocation in accordance with applicable laws.

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

Effective March 14, 2024.

#### CHAPTER 19 H.P. 1404 - L.D. 2190

An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2025

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

**Sec. 1. Allocation.** Gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the calendar year ending December 31, 2025 must be segregated, apportioned and disbursed as designated in the following schedule.

MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY		2025
Administration		
	Personal Services All Other	\$1,346,428 1,761,142
	TOTAL	\$3,107,570
<b>Accounts and Controls</b>		
	Personal Services All Other	\$4,347,550 1,954,469
	TOTAL	\$6,302,019
<b>Highway Maintenance</b>		
	Personal Services All Other	\$6,729,527 4,789,896
	TOTAL	\$11,519,423
<b>Equipment Maintenance</b>		
	Personal Services All Other	\$1,546,143 3,319,765
	TOTAL	\$4,865,908
Fare Collection		
	Personal Services All Other	\$10,754,787 4,704,482
	TOTAL	\$15,459,269
Public Safety and Special Services		
	Personal Services All Other	\$641,677 8,056,668
	TOTAL	\$8,698,345
<b>Building Maintenance</b>		
	Personal Services All Other	\$817,109 722,382
	TOTAL	\$1,539,491
Subtotal of Line Items Budgeted		\$51,492,024
General Contingency - 10% of line items budgeted for 2025 (10% allowed)		\$5,149,203
MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY TOTAL REVENUE FUNDS		\$56,641,227

**Sec. 2. Transfer of allocations.** Any balance of the allocation for "General Contingency" made by the Legislature for the Maine Turnpike Authority may be transferred at any time prior to the closing of the books to any other allocation or subdivision of any other allocation made by the Legislature for the use of the

Maine Turnpike Authority for the same calendar year. Any balance of any other allocation or subdivision of any other allocation made by the Legislature for the Maine Turnpike Authority that at any time is not required for the purpose named in the allocation or subdivision may be transferred at any time prior to the closing of the books to any other allocation or subdivision of any other allocation made by the Legislature for the use of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the same calendar year subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters. Financial statements describing the transfer, other than a transfer from "General Contingency," must be submitted by the Maine Turnpike Authority to the Office of Fiscal and Program Review 30 days before the transfer is to be implemented. In the case of extraordinary emergency transfers, the 30-day prior submission requirement may be waived by vote of the committee. These financial statements must include information specifying the accounts that are affected, amounts to be transferred, a description of the transfer and a detailed explanation as to why the transfer is needed.

# **Sec. 3. Encumbered balance at year-end.** At the end of each calendar year, encumbered balances may be carried to the next calendar year.

**Sec. 4.** Supplemental information. As required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6, the following statement of the revenues in 2025 that are necessary for capital expenditures and reserves and to meet the requirements of any resolution authorizing bonds of the Maine Turnpike Authority during 2025, including debt service and the maintenance of reserves for debt service and reserve maintenance, is submitted.

Turnpike Revenue Bond Resolution Adopted April 18, 1991; Issuance of Bonds Authorized Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1968, subsections 1 and 2-A

Debt Service Fund \$41,488,028 Reserve Maintenance Fund 42,000,000

General Reserve Fund, to be applied as follows:

Capital Improvements 41,771,152

Debt Service Fund under the General Special Obligation Bond Resolution Adopted May 15, 1996; Issuance of Bonds Authorized Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1968, subsection 2-A

TOTAL \$127,701,980

See title page for effective date.

#### CHAPTER 20 S.P. 974 - L.D. 2257

#### An Act to Allow School Administrative District No. 52 to Issue Temporary Notes for a Wastewater Treatment Project

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

Whereas, School Administrative District No. 52, referred to in this preamble as "the district," owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant in the Town of Turner for its school facilities and other private users; and

Whereas, the Department of Environmental Protection authorized a project to replace the wastewater treatment plant with a new system with subsurface disposal to address overboard discharge affecting the Nezinscot River; and

Whereas, the voters of the district authorized the issuance of up to \$1,612,000 in bonds to fund the wastewater treatment project; and

Whereas, on March 31, 2021, the district issued a temporary note in the principal amount of \$1,612,000 through the State's Clean Water State Revolving Fund to provide temporary financing for the wastewater treatment project through project completion; and

Whereas, the wastewater treatment project has been unexpectedly delayed due to the COVID-19 emergency and difficulties locating a suitable site for subsurface disposal and is not expected to be completed until August 2025; and

Whereas, under state law, temporary notes issued by the district must mature not later than 3 years from the date the first temporary note is issued; and

Whereas, under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the district may not issue long-term bonds for the project until the project is completed; and

**Whereas,** the unexpected delays have made it necessary for the district to issue temporary notes later than 3 years from the date the first temporary note was issued; 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:

2025

2,442,800