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LD 162 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, 2021

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 2 does the following.

Part A makes supplemental allocations from the highway fund.

Part B transfers \$21,712,948 of the available balance in the Local Road Assistance Program, Highway Fund account in the Department of Transportation to the Highway Fund unallocated surplus by June 30, 2021 to fund a Highway Fund shortfall in fiscal year 2020-21.

Part C transfers \$70,109 of the available balance in the Bond Interest-Highway Highway Fund account in the Department of Transportation to the Highway Fund unallocated surplus by June 30, 2021 to fund a Highway Fund shortfall in fiscal year 2020-21.

Part D transfers \$2,904,635 by June 30, 2021 from the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, Highway Fund account to the unallocated surplus of the Highway Fund.

Public Law 2021, chapter 2 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 17, 2021.

LD 227 Resolve, To Conduct a Transit Propensity Study for Communities between Portland and Bangor

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 53 does the following.

1. It directs the Department of Transportation to conduct a transit propensity study, if sufficient funding is received, to assess the demand and viability for new or enhanced transit service, including passenger rail, between the communities of Portland and Bangor.
2. It requires the department to submit a report based on its study to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by January 1, 2023.
3. It allows the joint standing committee to submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the findings provided in the department's report.
4. It provides that no funds may be collected by or transferred to the department for the purpose of conducting the study unless the department receives commitments for no less than 25% of

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the overall costs of the study from municipalities for which new or enhanced transit will be assessed as part of the study.

5. It provides that, if the municipalities have not fulfilled their commitment to provide 25% of the overall costs of the study by the dates agreed upon with the department, the department is authorized to discontinue the study and any remaining municipal funds must be returned to the relevant municipalities and any remaining department funds must be returned to the accounts from which they were received.
6. It provides appropriations and allocations for the costs of the transit propensity study.

LD 266 An Act To Create the Maine Lighthouse Trust Registration Plate

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 56 creates the Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plate to support lighthouse restoration and preservation efforts.

LD 267 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect and Maintain Markers To Commemorate and Recognize the Lafayette Trail

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 105 designates each portion of the Lafayette Trail for the purposes of the placement of suitable signs and markers by the Department of Transportation and requires that the costs of erecting the signs and markers be fully funded by an outside organization.

LD 312 An Act To Extend the Maine Bicentennial Commission and the Use of Maine Bicentennial Registration Plates through 2021

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 89 removes the requirement that an expiration date be displayed on the State of Maine Bicentennial commemorative plates, extends the expiration date of the State of Maine Bicentennial commemorative plates bearing an expiration date of December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021 and extends the Maine Bicentennial Commission to December 31, 2021.

Public Law 2021, chapter 89 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 8, 2021.