

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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preliminary program, metrics and assessment tool development for economic development, innovation and workforce programs.

Public Law 2021, chapter 78 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 25, 2021.

**LD 1702 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Transportation**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 408 provides a bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, for the Department of Transportation to support its ongoing capital programs to preserve, improve and construct roads, bridges, railroads, airports, transit and ports.

**LD 1733 An Act To Provide Allocations for the Distribution of State Fiscal Recovery Funds**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 483 makes one-time allocations from the funds provided to the State from the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

Part A provides funding to the Department of Economic and Community Development for loans or loan guarantees through the Finance Authority of Maine for businesses having difficulty securing investment capital due to the COVID-19 pandemic and provides capital for rural development projects through the Maine Rural Development Authority.

Part B provides funding to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to support Maine's farms and food processors; to the Department of Economic and Community Development for grants to the forest products industry; and to the Department of Marine Resources to grants for seafood processors and dealers for facilities and infrastructure.

Part C requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to establish the Small Business Health Insurance Premium Support Program to provide small businesses short-term relief from rising health insurance premiums as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Part D requires the State Controller to transfer \$80,000,000 of the ARP State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Labor, Unemployment Compensation Fund.

Part E provides funding to the Department of Economic and Community Development to support new businesses and entrepreneurs who recently acquired Maine businesses.