

An Act Making Unified Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

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. Appropriations and allocations. In order to provide for the necessary expenditures of State Government and other purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following sums as designated in the following tabulations are appropriated or allocated out of money not otherwise appropriated or allocated.

PART B

Sec. B-1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made to provide funding for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C

Sec. C-1. Carrying provision; Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall carry forward up to \$9,000,000 in the All Other line category in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, after all financial commitments for obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made, at the end of fiscal year 2024-2025 to the next fiscal year to the All Other line category in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, of which up to \$2,000,000 is to be used for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles modernization project and up to \$7,000,000 is to be used for the new license

plate general issue project. These funds, previously authorized to carry in Public Law 2023, chapter 50, Part B, do not lapse but must be carried forward into fiscal year 2025-26 to be used for the same purpose.

PART C SUMMARY

This language authorizes funds to carry forward into fiscal year 2025-26. The Department of the Secretary of State is not asking for additional funds, but rather, requesting extending the time frame for when the funds can be used due to the plate manufacturing billing process. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles will be billed when the new plates are delivered between the Spring of 2025 and the Summer of 2026.

PART D

Sec. D-1. Carrying provision; Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall carry forward up to \$2.5 million in unexpended balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, after all financial commitments for obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25, to the All Other line category in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, to be used to continue the modernization of systems and services at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

PART D SUMMARY

This Part authorizes the State Controller to carry forward up to \$2.5 million in unexpended balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, after all financial commitments for obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25 to the next fiscal year to the All Other line category in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, to be used to continue the modernization of systems and services at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.