TRANSPORTATION

Reported by: The Majority

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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:


Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

'PART A

Sec. A-1. Allocations. In order to provide for necessary expenditures of State Government and other purposes for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003, the following sums as designated in the following tabulations are allocated out of any money not otherwise allocated.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

New Initiative: Provides funds for the Salary Plan to cover prospective salary cost increases associated with the collective bargaining process.
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 388, L.D. 1285

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Highway Maintenance

All Other Capital Expenditures

Allocates $1,100,000 for the cost of reimbursing municipalities for Priority 1 and Priority 2 sand and salt building projects and $1,100,000 for funding Priority 1 projects for the Department of Transportation. Funds allocated for this purpose may not lapse but must be carried into the next fiscal year.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TOTAL

$2,200,000

PART I

Sec. I-1. 23 MRSA §1965, sub-$1, ¶I, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 595, §3, is amended to read:

I. Make contracts with the United States or any instrumentality or agency of the United States, another state or any instrumentality, municipality or agency of another state, including multi-state entities composed of other state agencies, this State or any of its agencies or instrumentalities, municipalities, public corporations, or bodies existing therein, private corporations, partnerships, associations and individuals:

PART J

Sec. J-1. 29-A MRSA §1304, sub-$4, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

C. The instruction permit entitles the permittee, as long as the permit is in the permittee's immediate possession, to drive a school bus on a public way. The permit is valid for one year.
(1) The permittee must be accompanied by a licensed school bus operator who has at least one year of driving experience and is at least 22 years of age.

(2) The accompanying operator must occupy a seat in the immediate vicinity of the permittee and, except other persons who have been issued a school bus instruction permit, no other passengers may be allowed on the bus.

PART K

Sec. K-1. Task force to study municipal excise tax and other motor vehicle registration fees. The Secretary of State shall appoint a task force that includes representation from the Maine Municipal Association to study the motor vehicle excise tax as well as other taxes and fees associated with the registration of a motor vehicle. The task force shall:

1. Evaluate the cumulative cost of all taxes and fees associated with motor vehicle registration as compared to taxes and fees assessed by other states;

2. Evaluate municipal reliance on the excise tax as a source of local revenue; and

3. Make a report of its recommendations and findings by January 15, 2002 to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, which has the authority to report out legislation.

The Secretary of State shall reimburse members who are not otherwise compensated by their employers for travel expenses related to task force meetings. The Secretary of State shall provide necessary staff to the task force.

PART L

Sec. L-1. 29-A MRSA §2084, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2001, c. 148, §5, is further amended to read:

1. Night equipment. A bicycle, motorized bicycle or tricycle, when in use in the nighttime, must have:

A. Lighted a front light that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least 200 feet to the front;

B. A red or amber light or reflector to the rear that is visible at least 200 feet to the rear; and
SUMMARY

This amendment does the following.

Part A makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund.

Part B does the following:

1. It makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;

2. It makes supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes; and

3. It makes supplemental allocations from the Island Ferry Services Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C amends the law to increase motor vehicle and trailer title fees by $8.

Part D makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund, Highway Garage Fund and Federal Expenditures Fund to accomplish a reorganization of certain programs within the Department of Transportation.

Part E authorizes financing for the renovation of the Department of Transportation headquarters building.

Part F makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund to provide mobile data terminals for State Police patrol cars, to restore and add funding for highway and bridge improvement projects and to adjust funding for the Urban-Rural Initiative Program.
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Part G lapses funds from the Highway Fund Salary Plan to the Highway Fund.

Part H makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund to reimburse certain municipalities for sand and salt building projects and to provide funding for certain sand and salt building projects for the Department of Transportation.

Part I authorizes the Maine Turnpike Authority to enter into contracts with other states and entities authorized by other states.

Part J allows another person who has been issued a school bus instruction permit to be a passenger on a bus when it is being operated by a school bus permittee.

Part K requires the Secretary of State to convene a task force to study the municipal excise tax and other motor vehicle registration fees.

Part L alters the requirements for reflective materials used by bicycles, motorized bicycles or tricycles during nighttime use.