

**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 Years Ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027**

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 years ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027, 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 the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall carry forward up to \$2,500,000 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 2025-26 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 Bureau of Motor Vehicles modernization of systems and services provided to the public. These funds do not lapse and are intended to carry until expended.

PART C 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 2025-26 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 Bureau of Motor Vehicles modernization project.

PART D

Sec. D-1. Carrying provision; Department of the Secretary of State, Administration – Corporations, Elections and Commissions program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall carry forward up to \$750,000 in unexpended balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration – Corporations, Elections and Commissions program, after all financial commitments for obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made, at the end of fiscal year 2025-26 to the next fiscal year, to the All Other line category in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration – Corporations, Elections and Commissions program, to be used to continue the modernization of systems and services provided to the public. These funds do not lapse and are intended to carry until expended.

PART D SUMMARY

This Part authorizes the State Controller to carry forward up to \$750,000 in unexpended balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration – Corporations, Elections and Commissions program, after all financial commitments for obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made, at the end of fiscal year 2025-26 to the next fiscal year to the All Other line category in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration – Corporations, Elections and Commissions program. These funds are to be used to continue the modernization of systems and services administered by the program.

PART E

Sec. E-1. 23 MRSA §1652, second ¶, as amended by PL 2011, c. 392. Pt. L, §2, is further amended to read:

Any balance of any allocation or subdivision of an allocation from the Highway Fund made by the Legislature for any department or agency, which at any time may not be required for the purposes named in that allocation or subdivision, may be transferred at any time prior to the closing of the books, to any other allocation or subdivision of an allocation from the Highway Fund made by the Legislature for the same fiscal year subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters. In addition to transfers of Highway Fund allocations and subdivisions of allocations from the Highway Fund, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters shall review all other allocations or subdivisions of allocations to the Department of Transportation. Financial orders describing these transfers must be submitted by the Bureau of the Budget to the Office of Fiscal and Program Review 30 days before the transfer is to be implemented. In case of extraordinary emergency transfers, the 30-day prior submission requirement may be waived by vote of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters.

PART E SUMMARY

This Part provides that the 30-day wait prior submission requirement may be waived by vote of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters for financial orders for Highway Fund accounts in the Department of Transportation.

PART F

Sec. F-1. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Department of Public Safety. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025-26, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to transfer up to \$304,164 and for fiscal year 2026-27, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to transfer up to 35,784 of available balance of Personal Services allocations after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, to the All Other line category of the State Police program for the purposes of funding consoles at three Emergency Communication Centers and a contract for firearms examiner services. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

Sec. F-2. Transfer of Personal Services balances to Capital Expenditures; Department of Public Safety. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025-26, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to transfer up to \$16,450, of available balance of Personal Services allocations after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, to the Capital Expenditures line category of the State Police program for the purposes of funding a heat pump and generator for the Pittsfield barracks, and updating the security system at the Bangor

barracks. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

PART F SUMMARY

This Part authorizes the Department of Public Safety to transfer Personal Services to the All Other and Capital Expenditures line categories in order to fund a contract for firearms examiner services, consoles at three Emergency Communication Centers, a roof replacement at the K-9 office, a heat pump and generator for the Pittsfield barracks, updating the security system at the Bangor barracks.