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

**'An Act To Keep Bridges Safe and Roads Passable'**

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §453, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**2. Fee.** The annual service fee for a vanity registration plate is ~~\$15~~\$25 in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee. The service fee must be credited to the General Highway Fund, except that, beginning July 1, 2009, \$10 of the service fee must be transferred on a quarterly basis by the Treasurer of State to the TransCap Trust Fund established by Title 30-A, section 6006-G. A sum sufficient to defray the cost of this program must be allocated annually from the General Highway Fund.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 1 in the last blocked paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 34 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "transferred" the following: 'on a quarterly basis'

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph A in the last blocked paragraph in the first line (page 2, line 1 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "transferred" the following: 'on a quarterly basis'

Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 1 in the first blocked paragraph in the first line (page 2, line 17 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "transferred" the following: 'on a quarterly basis'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following:

**'Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Highway and Bridge Capital 0406**

Initiative: Allocates additional funds on a one-time basis for the Highway and Bridge Capital program.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$12,971,000
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HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$12,971,000

**Sec. 8. Effective date.** This Act takes effect September 1, 2008.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, provides an effective date of September 1, 2008. The amendment also provides that the \$10 fee increases for the registration of noncommercial vehicles, registration of commercial motor vehicles weighing 6,000 pounds or less, certificates of title and vanity plates collected between the effective date of the Act and July 1, 2009 be deposited into the Highway Fund and allocated on a one-time basis for the Highway and Bridge Capital program during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The amendment also clarifies that, beginning July 1, 2009, the \$10 fee increase must be transferred on a quarterly basis by the Treasurer of State to the TransCap Trust Fund. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**