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An Act To Fund Merit and Longevity Pay for Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branch Employees Pursuant to a Collective Bargaining Agreement

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature again restricted the eligibility of employees in the executive, judicial and legislative branches of government to receive merit pay increases and longevity pay; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the end of the 2013-14 fiscal year in order to provide eligible employees with earned benefits; 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:

Sec. 1. PL 2013, c. 354, Pt. E, §§1 and 2 are repealed.

Sec. 2. PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. E, §1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 425, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 3. PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. E, §2 is repealed.

Sec. 4. Calculation and transfer; Highway Fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Budget Officer, upon approval of the Governor, shall reverse the financial order authorized by Public Law 2013, chapter 354, Part E, section 3. These transfers are considered adjustments to allocations in fiscal year 2013-14 and fiscal year 2014-15.

Sec. 5. Calculation and transfer; General Fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Budget Officer, upon approval of the Governor, shall reverse the financial order authorized by Public Law 2013, chapter 368, Part E, section 3. These transfers are considered adjustments to appropriations in fiscal year 2013-14 and fiscal year 2014-15.

Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Executive Branch Departments and Independent Agencies - Statewide 0017

Initiative: Provides funding to offset savings from eliminating merit increases for fiscal year 2014-15.

GENERAL FUND

2013-14

2014-15

SP0630, LD 1639, item 1, 126th Maine State Legislature
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Personal Services	\$0	\$3,829,314
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$3,829,314

Executive Branch Departments and Independent Agencies - Statewide 0017

Initiative: Provides funding to offset savings from eliminating certain longevity payments.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
Personal Services	\$294,060	\$444,824
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$294,060	\$444,824

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
	\$294,060	\$4,274,138
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$294,060	\$4,274,138

JUDICIAL, DEPARTMENT OF

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding to offset savings from eliminating certain longevity payments.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
Personal Services	\$201,087	\$226,770
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$201,087	\$226,770

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT TOTALS GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
	\$201,087	\$226,770
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$201,087	\$226,770

LEGISLATURE

Legislature 0081

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Initiative: Provides funding to offset savings from eliminating certain longevity payments.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
Personal Services	\$2,771	\$7,816
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,771	\$7,816
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DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
GENERAL FUND	\$2,771	\$7,816
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$2,771	\$7,816

PROGRAM EVALUATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, OFFICE OF
Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability 0976

Initiative: Provides funding to offset savings from eliminating certain longevity payments.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
Personal Services	\$0	\$283
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$283
PROGRAM EVALUATION AND GOVERNMENT		
ACCOUNTABILITY, OFFICE OF		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$283
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$283

SECTION TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
GENERAL FUND	\$497,918	\$4,509,007
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$497,918	\$4,509,007

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

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Executive Branch Departments and Independent Agencies - Statewide 0017

Initiative: Provides funding to offset savings from eliminating merit increases for fiscal year 2014-15.

HIGHWAY FUND	2013-14	2014-15
Personal Services	\$0	\$698,601
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$698,601

Executive Branch Departments and Independent Agencies - Statewide 0017

Initiative: Provides funding to offset savings from eliminating certain longevity payments.

HIGHWAY FUND	2013-14	2014-15
Personal Services	\$70,600	\$107,949
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$70,600	\$107,949

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS HIGHWAY FUND	2013-14 \$70,600	2014-15 \$806,550
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$70,600	\$806,550

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This bill repeals the sections of Public Law 2013, chapters 354 and 368 that prohibited merit increases for employees in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government in fiscal year 2014-15 and longevity payments to individuals not eligible on June 30, 2013. It includes General Fund appropriations and Highway Fund allocations to offset reductions made in the biennial budgets for 2014-2015 to restore funding for merit increases and longevity payments.