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

‘**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1651**, as amended by PL 1971, c. 593, §22, is further amended to read:

§ 1651. Highway Fund established; purpose; revenue

To provide funds for the construction of state, state aid and town ways, for the maintenance of state and state aid highways, and interstate, intrastate and international bridges, and for other items of expenditure specified, there is established a fund to be known as the ~~General~~ Highway Fund. This fund ~~shall~~must include all fees received from the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of operators thereof; all fees accruing to the Treasurer of State under Title 25, section 1502; the receipts from the tax on internal combustion engine fuels; 10% of the receipts from the sales tax imposed on transportation-related items pursuant to Title 36, section 1966; and all sums received on account of the department for permits to open highways, or from other sources, the disposition of which is not otherwise designated by law. After payment from ~~said General~~the Highway Fund of such sums for interest and retirement as are necessary to meet the provisions of bond issues for state highway and bridge construction, the remainder of ~~said~~the fund ~~shall~~must be segregated, apportioned and expended as provided by the Legislature.’

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3.

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 5 and 6.

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 10 to 13.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 15 and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 15. 36 MRSA §2903, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 240, §24, is further amended to read:

1. Excise tax imposed. Beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, an excise tax is imposed on internal combustion engine fuel used or sold in this State, including sales to the State or a political subdivision of the State, at the rate of 28.4¢ per gallon, except that the rate is 3.4¢ per gallon on internal combustion engine fuel bought or used for the purpose of propelling jet or turbojet engine aircraft. Beginning July 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2018, an excise tax is imposed on internal combustion engine fuel used or sold in this State, including sales to the State or a political subdivision of the State, at the rate of 29.5¢ per gallon, except that the rate is 3.4¢ per gallon on internal combustion engine fuel bought or used for the purpose of propelling jet engine aircraft. ~~The tax rate provided by this subsection except the rate of tax imposed on fuel bought or used for the purpose of propelling jet engine aircraft is subject to an annual inflation adjustment pursuant to section 3321~~Beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, an excise tax is imposed on internal combustion engine fuel used or sold in this State, including sales to the State or a political subdivision of the State, at the rate of 32.5¢ per gallon, except that the rate is 3.4¢ per gallon on internal combustion engine fuel bought or used for the purpose of propelling jet engine aircraft. Beginning January 1, 2020, an excise tax is imposed on internal combustion engine fuel used or sold in this State, including sales to the State or a political subdivision

of the State, at the rate of 35.5¢ per gallon, except that the rate is 3.4¢ per gallon on internal combustion engine fuel bought or used for the purpose of propelling jet engine aircraft. Any fuel containing at least 10% internal combustion engine fuel is subject to the tax imposed by this section.

Sec. 16. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides funding for one Tax Examiner position and related costs to review and process sales tax returns with transportation-related items.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$88,558
All Other	\$0	\$36,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$124,558

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
	\$0	\$124,558
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$124,558

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation for programming changes.

HIGHWAY FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$54,790
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$54,790

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS HIGHWAY FUND	2017-18	2018-19
	\$0	\$54,790

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$54,790
SECTION TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$124,558
HIGHWAY FUND	\$0	\$54,790
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$179,348

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the provisions in the bill that impose a surcharge on the registration of hybrid motor vehicles, battery-electric motor vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell motor vehicles.

The amendment removes certain examination fee increases for driver's licenses since these fees were increased in the Highway Fund budget bill, Public Law 2017, chapter 283.

The amendment removes certain fee increases for a nondriver identification card, a duplicate nondriver identification card and a duplicate registration certificate.

The amendment removes tax increases imposed on motor vehicle fuel by 7¢ per gallon, from 29.5¢ per gallon to 36.5¢ per gallon, beginning October 1, 2017. Instead, the amendment proposes to increase the tax on motor vehicle fuel by 3¢ per gallon, from 29.5¢ per gallon to 32.5¢ per gallon, beginning January 1, 2019 and by another 3¢ per gallon, from 32.5¢ per gallon to 35.5¢ per gallon, beginning January 1, 2020.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)