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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 812, L.D. 1149, Bill, "An Act To Provide Revenue To Fix and Rebuild Maine's Infrastructure"

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:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1           **1. Excise tax imposed.** Beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, an excise  
 2 tax is imposed on internal combustion engine fuel used or sold in this State, including  
 3 sales to the State or a political subdivision of the State, at the rate of 28.4¢ per gallon,  
 4 except that the rate is 3.4¢ per gallon on internal combustion engine fuel bought or used  
 5 for the purpose of propelling jet or turbojet engine aircraft. Beginning July 1, 2009 and  
 6 ending December 31, 2018, an excise tax is imposed on internal combustion engine fuel  
 7 used or sold in this State, including sales to the State or a political subdivision of the  
 8 State, at the rate of 29.5¢ per gallon, except that the rate is 3.4¢ per gallon on internal  
 9 combustion engine fuel bought or used for the purpose of propelling jet engine aircraft.  
 10 ~~The tax rate provided by this subsection except the rate of tax imposed on fuel bought or~~  
 11 ~~used for the purpose of propelling jet engine aircraft is subject to an annual inflation~~  
 12 ~~adjustment pursuant to section 3324~~ Beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31,  
 13 2019, an excise tax is imposed on internal combustion engine fuel used or sold in this  
 14 State, including sales to the State or a political subdivision of the State, at the rate of  
 15 32.5¢ per gallon, except that the rate is 3.4¢ per gallon on internal combustion engine fuel  
 16 bought or used for the purpose of propelling jet engine aircraft. Beginning January 1,  
 17 2020, an excise tax is imposed on internal combustion engine fuel used or sold in this  
 18 State, including sales to the State or a political subdivision of the State, at the rate of  
 19 35.5¢ per gallon, except that the rate is 3.4¢ per gallon on internal combustion engine fuel  
 20 bought or used for the purpose of propelling jet engine aircraft. Any fuel containing at  
 21 least 10% internal combustion engine fuel is subject to the tax imposed by this section.

22           **Sec. 16. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
 23 allocations are made.

24           **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**  
 25 **Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002**

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

28	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
29	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
30	Personal Services	\$0	\$88,558
31	All Other	\$0	\$36,000
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33	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$124,558

34	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL</b>		
35	<b>SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
36	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
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38	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$124,558
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40	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$124,558



1 the amendment proposes to increase the tax on motor vehicle fuel by 3¢ per gallon, from  
2 29.5¢ per gallon to 32.5¢ per gallon, beginning January 1, 2019 and by another 3¢ per  
3 gallon, from 32.5¢ per gallon to 35.5¢ per gallon, beginning January 1, 2020.

4 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

5 **(See attached)**