

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN

H.P. 915 - L.D. 1318

An Act To Align State Relocation Assistance with That of the Federal Government and Make Technical Changes to Recently Enacted Laws

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §244, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2005, c. 642, §2, is further amended to read:

D. Actual reasonable expenses necessary to reestablish a displaced farm, nonprofit organization or small business at its new site, in accordance with criteria to be established by the department, but not to exceed ~~\$20,000~~ the amount allowed under the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, Public Law 91-646, as amended.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §244-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 208, §§13 and 21, is further amended to read:

1. Owner. In addition to payments otherwise authorized, the department shall make an additional payment not in excess of ~~\$22,500~~ the amount allowed under the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, Public Law 91-646, as amended to any displaced person who is displaced from a dwelling actually owned and occupied by the displaced person for not less than ~~180~~ 90 days prior to the initiation of negotiations for the acquisition of the property. The additional payment ~~shall~~ must include the following elements:

A. The amount, if any, ~~which that~~ when added to the acquisition cost of the dwelling acquired by the department equals the reasonable cost of a comparable replacement dwelling. All determinations required to carry out this paragraph ~~shall~~ must be made in accordance with standards established by the department;

B. The amount, if any, ~~which that~~ will compensate the displaced person for any increased interest costs and other debt service costs ~~which~~ that person is required to pay for financing the acquisition of any such comparable replacement dwelling. The amount ~~shall~~ may be paid only if the dwelling acquired by the department was encumbered by a bona fide mortgage ~~which that~~ was a valid lien on the dwelling for

not less than 180 days prior to the initiation of negotiations for the acquisition of that dwelling. In calculating the amount to be paid under this section, increased interest costs and other debt service costs ~~shall~~ must be reduced to discounted present value. The payment ~~shall~~ must be an amount ~~which~~ that will reduce the mortgage balance on the replacement dwelling to an amount ~~which~~ that could be amortized with the same monthly payment for principal and interest as that for the mortgage on the displaced dwelling; and

C. Reasonable expenses incurred by the displaced person for evidence of title, recording fees and other closing costs incident to the purchase of the replacement dwelling, but not including prepaid expenses.

Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §244-B, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 208, §§15 and 21, is further amended to read:

1. Lease or rent. The amount necessary to enable the displaced person to lease or rent for a period not to exceed 42 months; a comparable replacement dwelling, but not to exceed ~~\$5,250~~ the amount allowed under the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, Public Law 91-646, as amended. At the discretion of the department, a payment under this subsection may be made in periodic installments. Computation of a payment under this subsection to a low-income displaced person for a comparable replacement dwelling ~~shall~~ must take into account the person's income; or

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Deallocates funds provided in Public Law 2017, chapter 283, Part A for the annual maintenance of the software licensing and hardware for the administration of active directory and e-mail services.

HIGHWAY FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	(\$51,059)	(\$51,059)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$51,059)</u>	<u>(\$51,059)</u>

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

HIGHWAY FUND	2017-18	2018-19
	(\$51,059)	(\$51,059)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>(\$51,059)</u>	<u>(\$51,059)</u>

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Multimodal - Passenger Rail Z139

Initiative: Allocates funds previously deallocated in Public Law 2017, chapter 283, Part A related to the state support for the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
SECTION TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
HIGHWAY FUND	(\$51,059)	(\$51,059)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$948,941</u>	<u>\$948,941</u>