

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
Constitution of State of Maine
Amended



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Authorization of the Amendment to the Constitution to Limit to Highway Purposes the Use of Revenues Derived from the Taxation of Vehicles Used on the Public Highways, and Fuels Used for Propulsion of Such Vehicles.

WHEREAS, the Ninety-first Legislature of the State of Maine by a Resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved April 9, 1943, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

Article IX of the constitution is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section to be numbered section 22, and to read as follows:

'Sec. 22. All revenues derived from fees, excises and license taxes relating to registration, operation and use of vehicles on public highways, and to fuels used for the propulsion of such vehicles shall be expended solely for cost of administration, statutory refunds and adjustments, payment of debts and liabilities incurred in construction and reconstruction of highways and bridges, the cost of construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of public highways and bridges under the direction and supervision of a state department having jurisdiction over such highways and bridges and expense for state enforcement of traffic laws and shall not be diverted for any purpose, provided that these limitations shall not apply to revenue from an excise tax on motor vehicles imposed in lieu of personal property tax.' And

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations, voting upon said amendment, as directed in the aforementioned Resolve, upon the eleventh day of September, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and canvassed by the Governor and Council on October fourth, nineteen hundred and forty-four, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment, namely 139,805 for, and 33,172 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do proclaim the constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed, and in accordance with the provisions of this said Resolve, the amendment shall hereupon as of the date of this proclamation become a part of the constitution.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused the Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at Augusta, this twenty-seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-four, and in the one hundred and sixty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Sumner Sewall
Governor

By the Governor

Harold I. Goss

Secretary of State