

# SENATE BILL No. 334

March 20, 2003, Introduced by Senators SWITALSKI, OLSHOVE, PATTERSON,  
BERNERO, EMERSON, GOSCHKA and GARCIA and referred to the Committee on  
Transportation.

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled

"An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund,

critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

by amending section 13 (MCL 247.663), as amended by 1999 PA 54.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 13. (1) The amount distributed to cities and villages  
 2 shall be returned to the treasurers of the cities and villages in  
 3 the manner, for the purposes, and under the terms and conditions  
 4 specified in this section. As used in this section, "population"  
 5 means the population according to the most recent statewide  
 6 federal census as certified at the beginning of the state fiscal  
 7 year, except that, if a municipality has been newly incorporated  
 8 since completion of the census, the population of the  
 9 municipality for purposes of the distribution of funds before  
 10 completion of the next census shall be the population as  
 11 determined by special federal census, if there is a **special**  
 12 **federal** census, and if not, by the population as determined by  
 13 the official census in connection with the incorporation, if  
 14 there is such a census and, if not, by a special state census to  
 15 be taken at the expense of the municipality by the secretary of  
 16 state pursuant to section 6 of the home rule city act, 1909 PA

1 279, MCL 117.6. The amount received by the newly incorporated  
2 municipality shall be in place of any other direct distribution  
3 of funds from the Michigan transportation fund. The population  
4 of the newly incorporated municipality as determined under this  
5 section shall be added to the total population of all  
6 incorporated cities and villages in the state in computing the  
7 amounts to be returned under this section to each municipality in  
8 the state. Major street mileage, local street mileage, and  
9 equivalent major mileage, if applicable, shall be determined by  
10 the state transportation department before the next month for  
11 which distribution is made following the effective date of  
12 incorporation of a newly incorporated municipality.

13 (2) From the amount available for distribution to cities and  
14 villages during each December, an amount equal to 0.7% of the  
15 total amount returned to all cities and villages under  
16 subsections (3) and (4) during the previous calendar year shall  
17 be withheld. The amount withheld shall be used to partially  
18 reimburse those cities and villages located in those counties  
19 that are eligible for snow removal funds pursuant to section 12a  
20 and that have costs for winter maintenance on major and local  
21 streets that are greater than the statewide average. The  
22 distributions shall be made annually during February and shall be  
23 calculated separately for the major and local street systems but  
24 may be paid in a combined warrant. The distribution to a city or  
25 village shall be equal to 1/2 of its winter maintenance  
26 expenditures after deducting the product of its total earnings  
27 under subsections (3) and (4) multiplied by 2 times the average

1 municipal winter maintenance factor. Winter maintenance  
2 expenditures shall be determined from the street financial  
3 reports for the most current fiscal years ending before July 1.  
4 A city or village that does not submit a street financial report  
5 for the fiscal year ending before July 1 by the subsequent  
6 December 31 shall be ineligible for the winter maintenance  
7 payment that is to be based on that street financial report. The  
8 average municipal winter maintenance factor shall be determined  
9 annually by the state transportation department by dividing the  
10 total expenditures of all cities and villages on winter  
11 maintenance of streets and highways by the total amount earned by  
12 all cities and villages under subsections (3) and (4) during the  
13 12 months. If the sum of the distributions to be made under this  
14 subsection exceeds the amount withheld, the distributions to each  
15 eligible city and village shall be reduced proportionately. If  
16 the sum is less than the amount withheld, the balance shall be  
17 added to the amount available for distribution under subsections  
18 (3) and (4) during the next month. The distributions shall be  
19 for use on the major and local street systems respectively and  
20 shall be subject to the same provisions as funds returned under  
21 subsections (3) and (4).

22 (3) Seventy-five percent of the remaining amount to be  
23 returned to the cities and villages, after deducting the amounts  
24 withheld pursuant to subsection (2), shall be returned 60% in the  
25 same proportion that the population of each bears to the total  
26 population of all cities and villages, and 40% in the same  
27 proportion that the equivalent major mileage in each bears to the

1 total equivalent major mileage in all cities and villages. As  
2 used in this section, "equivalent major mileage" means the sum of  
3 2 times the state trunk line mileage certified by the state  
4 transportation department as of March 31 of each year, as being  
5 within the boundaries of each city and village having a  
6 population of 25,000 or more, plus the major street mileage in  
7 each city and village, multiplied by the following factor:

8 1.0 for cities and villages of 2,000 or less population;

9 1.1 for cities and villages from 2,001 to 10,000 population;

10 1.2 for cities and villages from 10,001 to 20,000 population;

11 1.3 for cities and villages from 20,001 to 30,000 population;

12 1.4 for cities and villages from 30,001 to 40,000 population;

13 1.5 for cities and villages from 40,001 to 50,000 population;

14 1.6 for cities and villages from 50,001 to 65,000 population;

15 1.7 for cities and villages from 65,001 to 80,000 population;

16 1.8 for cities and villages from 80,001 to 95,000 population;

17 1.9 for cities and villages from 95,001 to 160,000 population;

1 2.0 for cities and villages from 160,001 to 320,000 population;  
2 and for cities over 320,000 population, by a factor of 2.1  
3 increased successively by 0.1 for each 160,000 population  
4 increment over 320,000. The amount returned under this  
5 subsection shall be used by each city and village for the  
6 following purposes in the following order of priority:

7 (a) For the payment of contributions required to be made by a  
8 city or village under the provisions of contracts previously  
9 entered into under 1941 PA 205, MCL 252.51 to 252.64, which  
10 contributions have been previously pledged for the payment of the  
11 principal and interest on bonds issued under that act; or for the  
12 payment of the principal and interest upon bonds issued by a city  
13 or village pursuant to 1952 PA 175, MCL 247.701 to 247.707.

14 (b) Payment of obligations of the city or village on highway  
15 projects undertaken by the city or village jointly with the state  
16 transportation department.

17 (c) For the payment of principal and interest upon loans  
18 received pursuant to section 11(7), to the extent other funds  
19 have not been made available for that payment.

20 (d) For the maintenance, improvement, construction,  
21 reconstruction, acquisition, and extension of the major street  
22 system as defined by this act including the acquisition of a  
23 necessary right of way for the system, work incidental to the  
24 system, and an appurtenant roadside park or motor parkway, of the  
25 city or village and for the payment of the principal and interest  
26 on that portion of the city's or village's general obligation

1 bonds which are attributable to the construction or  
2 reconstruction of the city's or village's major street system.  
3 Not more than 5% per year of the funds returned to a city or  
4 village by this subsection shall be expended for the maintenance,  
5 improvement, or acquisition of appurtenant roadside parks and  
6 motor parkways. Surplus funds may be expended for the  
7 development, construction, or repair of off-street parking  
8 facilities, and the construction or repair of street lighting.

9 (4) The remaining amount to be returned to incorporated  
10 cities and villages shall be expended in each city or village for  
11 the maintenance, improvement, construction, reconstruction,  
12 acquisition, and extension of the local street system of the city  
13 or village, as defined by this act, including the acquisition of  
14 a necessary right of way for the system, work incidental to the  
15 system, and subject to subsection (5), for the payment of the  
16 principal and interest on that portion of the city's or village's  
17 general obligation bonds which are attributable to the  
18 construction or reconstruction of the city's or village's local  
19 street system. The amount returned under this subsection shall  
20 be returned to the cities and villages 60% in the same proportion  
21 that the population of each bears to the total population of all  
22 incorporated cities and villages in the state, and 40% in the  
23 same proportion that the total mileage of the local street system  
24 of each bears to the total mileage in the local street systems of  
25 all cities and villages of the state. The payment of the  
26 principal and interest upon bonds issued by a city or village  
27 pursuant to 1952 PA 175, MCL 247.701 to 247.707, and after that

1 payment, the payment of debt service on loans received under  
2 section 11(7), shall have priority in the expenditure of money  
3 returned under this subsection.

4 (5) Money distributed to each city and village for the  
5 maintenance and improvement of its local street system under this  
6 act represents the total responsibility of the state for local  
7 street system support. ~~Funds distributed from the Michigan~~  
8 ~~transportation fund shall not be expended for construction~~  
9 ~~purposes on city and village local streets except to the extent~~  
10 ~~matched from local revenues including other money returned to a~~  
11 ~~city or village by the state under the state constitution of 1963~~  
12 ~~and statutes of the state, from funds that can be raised by~~  
13 ~~taxation in cities and villages for street purposes within the~~  
14 ~~limitations of the state constitution of 1963 and statutes of the~~  
15 ~~state, from special assessments, or from any other source.~~ This  
16 subsection does not apply to section 11b.

17 (6) Money returned under this section to a city or village  
18 shall be expended on the major and local street systems of that  
19 city or village. However, the first priority shall be the major  
20 street system. Money returned for expenditure on the major  
21 street system may be expended on the local street system. ~~in an~~  
22 ~~amount equal to the amount of local revenues, as provided in~~  
23 ~~subsection (5), expended by the city or village on the major~~  
24 ~~street system or on state trunk line highways, and to~~ To the  
25 extent that that amount of major street money is not transferred  
26 for expenditure on the local street system in that year, major  
27 street money received during the next succeeding 2 years may be



1 transferred for expenditure on the local system until the amount  
2 ~~se~~ authorized for transfer is fully expended. If a city or  
3 village transfers more than 25% of its major street funding for  
4 the local street system, the city or village shall adopt a  
5 resolution with a copy to the department setting forth all of the  
6 following:

7 (a) A list of the major streets in that city or village.

8 (b) A statement that the city or village is adequately  
9 maintaining its major streets.

10 (c) The dollar amount of the transfer.

11 (d) The local streets to be funded with the transfer.

12 (7) Not more than 10% per year of all of the funds returned  
13 to a city or village from any source for the purposes of this  
14 section may be expended for administrative expenses. As used in  
15 this subsection, "administrative expenses" means those expenses  
16 that are not assigned including, but not limited to, specific  
17 road construction or maintenance projects and are often referred  
18 to as general or supportive services. Administrative expenses  
19 shall not include net equipment expense, net capital outlay, debt  
20 service principal and interest, and payments to other state or  
21 local offices that are assigned, but not limited to, specific  
22 road construction projects or maintenance activities. A city or  
23 village which in a year expends more than 10% for administrative  
24 expenses shall be subject to section 14(5).

25 (8) In each city and village to which funds are returned  
26 under this section, the responsibility for street improvement,  
27 maintenance, and traffic operation work, and the development,

1 construction, or repair of off-street parking facilities and  
2 construction or repair of street lighting shall be coordinated by  
3 a single administrator to be designated by the governing body who  
4 shall be responsible for and shall represent the municipality in  
5 transactions with the state transportation department pursuant to  
6 this act.

7 (9) Cities and villages may provide for consolidated street  
8 administration. A city or a village may enter into an agreement  
9 with other cities or villages, the county road commission, or  
10 with the state transportation commission for the performance of  
11 street or highway work on a road or street within the limits of  
12 the city or village or adjacent to the city or village. The  
13 agreement may provide for the performance by any of the  
14 contracting parties of the work contemplated by the contracts  
15 including services and acquisition of rights of way, by purchase  
16 or condemnation by any of the contracting parties in its own  
17 name. The agreement may provide for joint participation in the  
18 costs if appropriate.

19 (10) Interest earned on funds returned to a city or a village  
20 for purposes provided in this section shall be credited to the  
21 appropriate street fund.

22 (11) In addition to the financial compliance audits required  
23 by law, the department of treasury shall conduct performance  
24 audits and make investigations of the disposition of all state  
25 funds received by cities and villages for transportation purposes  
26 to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of this  
27 act. Performance audits shall be conducted according to

1 government auditing standards issued by the United States general  
2 accounting office. The department of treasury shall provide  
3 notice to cities and villages of the standards to be used for  
4 audits under this subsection prior to the fiscal year in which  
5 the audit is conducted. The department shall notify cities and  
6 villages of any subsequent changes to the standards. Cities and  
7 villages shall make available to the department of treasury the  
8 pertinent records for the audit.