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HOUSE BILL **684**

AN ACT relative to bridge replacement and rehabilitation and bridge aid funds.

SPONSORS: Rep. Rowe, Hills 22; Rep. Sanborn, Hills 41; Rep. Hansen, Hills 22;
Rep. S. Chandley, Hills 22; Sen. Bragdon, Dist 11

COMMITTEE: Public Works and Highways

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the state to reimburse municipalities for the cost of replacing or rehabilitating bridges according to the bridge aid schedule.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 37:1 New Section; Bridge Replacement or Rehabilitation; Bridge Aid Funds. Amend RSA 234 by
2 inserting after section 5 the following new section:

3 234:5-a Bridge Replacement or Rehabilitation and Bridge Aid Funds. In order to accommodate
4 the early replacement or rehabilitation and lowest cost for municipal bridges that have been closed
5 to vehicular traffic due to safety concerns, cities and towns may request the closed bridge be placed
6 on the schedule for bridge aid funds from the state at the time of closure. If any municipal bridge is
7 replaced or rehabilitated by the city or town at its cost prior to bridge aid funds being available, the
8 state funding may come at a later date according to the bridge aid schedule provided that:

9 I. The bridge was closed in accordance with department of transportation recommendations;

10 II. The bridge is on the schedule for bridge aid funds;

11 III. The bridge design is approved by the department of transportation;

12 IV. Bridge aid funds are available in the year the bridge is scheduled to be replaced or
13 rehabilitated; and

14 V. The city or town agrees it has no legal or financial claim against the state if funds are not
15 available in the year of the schedule for the bridge aid.

16 37:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

17 Approved: May 27, 2014

18 Effective Date: July 26, 2014