

STATEMENT

As a State Representative, Matt Dunlap voted to increase the gas tax and motor vehicle registration fee which put Maine in the top 20 states with the highest gas tax in the country.

Verification

Dunlap Voted To Increase The Gas Tax And Motor Vehicle Registration Fee, Putting Maine In The Top 20 States In The Country With The Highest Gas Tax At The Time

In June 1999, Dunlap Voted For LD 957. (LD 957, [Maine State Legislative Record](#), Passed 101-40, Dunlap Voted Yea, 6/5/99)

In June 1999, LD 957 Passed 101 To 40. (LD 957, [Maine State Legislative Record](#), Passed 101-40, 6/5/99)

LD 957 Increased The Gas Tax Three Cents Per Gallon And The Motor Vehicle Registration Fee By Two Dollars. “A tax increase of 3 cents per gallon of gas and a \$2 hike in motor vehicle registration fees won final legislative approval yesterday, with Governor Angus King poised to sign the \$50-million package into law. The Senate approved the bill 24-9 in the early afternoon, following a 101-40 vote by the House of Representatives about 12 hours earlier. With King's signature, the increase in the gas tax from 19 cents to 22 cents a gallon will take effect Aug. 1. The increase in registration fees from \$23 to \$25 is set for Oct. 1. King administration officials say the funding package will bolster the financially strapped Highway Fund, allowing for an ambitious road and bridge maintenance schedule.” (“Maine Hikes Gas Tax And Registration Fees; Road Funding Package Is Worth \$50m,’ The Associated Press, 6/6/99)

The Increase To 22 Cents Per Gallon Put Maine In The Top 20 States In The Country With The Highest Gas Tax At The Time. (State Motor-Fuel Tax Rates, 1999 – 2014, [United States Department Of Transportation](#), Accessed 6/25/26)