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Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee**

**Testimony Submitted by Acting Commissioner James P. Redeker
Department of Transportation**

**Governor's Bill No. 1005 – An Act Concerning the Authorization of Bonds of the State
for Capital Resurfacing and Related Reconstruction Projects.**

The Department of Transportation strongly supports Governor's Bill No. 1005, An Act Concerning the Authorization of Bonds of the State for Capital Resurfacing and Related Reconstruction Projects.

S.B. 1005 authorizes \$68.9 million in Special Tax Obligation Bonds for capital resurfacing and related reconstruction projects this construction season. The funds will be utilized for the Vendor-In-Place (VIP) resurfacing program and also to leverage approximately \$8.1 million in federal funds to implement a \$77 million capital resurfacing program. This program will provide for the resurfacing of approximately 250 two-lane miles of the State's Highway system, however, as fuel and asphalt prices continue to rise, the number of miles resurfaced may be less than 250 two-lane miles.

Providing the authority effective upon passage is consistent with past practice and will allow the program to take advantage of the full construction season beginning April 1, 2011.

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