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L.D. 280

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 130, L.D. 280, "An Act to Establish Lifetime Ferry Passes for Retired Maine State Ferry Service Employees"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4408 is enacted to read:

§4408. Lifetime ferry passes for retired ferry service employees

A former state employee who is receiving retirement benefits after at least 15 years of employment with the Maine State Ferry Service and who is a year-round resident of one of the served islands of the Maine State Ferry Service is eligible to receive a lifetime ferry pass and a waiver from any reservation fees if the lifetime ferry pass is presented when making the reservation. For the purposes of this section, "lifetime ferry pass" means a nontransferable pass that provides on a ferry operated by the Maine State Ferry Service:

1. Walk-on passage. Unlimited walk-on passage for a passenger to and from the island on which the retiree resides; and

2. Passenger and vehicle passage. One round-trip passage per month for a passenger and that passenger's vehicle during peak season as determined by rules adopted by the Department of Transportation and 2 round-trip passages per month during off-peak season as determined by rules adopted by the department. A reservation for passage described in this subsection must follow rules adopted by the department. For the purposes of this subsection, "vehicle" means a noncommercial motor vehicle with 4 tires or fewer and an overall length of 20 feet or less.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment specifies that a former state employee who was employed for at least 15 years with the Maine State Ferry Service and who is a year-round resident of an island

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1 served by the Maine State Ferry Service is eligible for the lifetime ferry pass. The
2 amendment specifies a person may receive a waiver from any reservation fees only if the
3 lifetime ferry pass is presented when making the reservation.

4 The amendment defines "a lifetime ferry pass" as a nontransferable pass that provides,
5 on a ferry operated by the Maine State Ferry Service, unlimited walk-on passages for a
6 passenger to and from the island on which the retiree resides and one round-trip passage
7 per month for a passenger and that passenger's vehicle during peak season as determined
8 by rules adopted by the Department of Transportation and 2 round-trip passages per month
9 during off-peak season as determined by rules adopted by the department.

10 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
11 (See attached)



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An Act to Establish Lifetime Ferry Passes for Retired Maine State Ferry Service Employees

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-193)

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Revenue				
Island Ferry Services Fund	(\$18,300)	(\$18,300)	(\$18,300)	(\$18,300)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a revenue decrease to the Department of Transportation, Island Ferry Services Fund, of \$18,300 beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 from providing lifetime ferry passes to year-round residents of an island serviced by the Maine State Ferry Service who are state employees who have been employed for 15 years with the Ferry Service.