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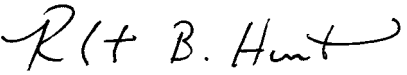
H.P. 806

House of Representatives, March 25, 2025

### **An Act Requiring Ferries to Dock Overnight on Certain Islands for Emergency Purposes**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.  
Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and  
Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, BISHOP of Bucksport, MASON of Lisbon,  
PARRY of Arundel, RAY of Lincolnville, Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock.

1       **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

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

3       **§4408. Ferries for emergency use**

4               To support the use of ferries for emergency medical, fire and law enforcement needs,  
5       including mass evacuation, the Department of Transportation shall require the Maine State  
6       Ferry Service to nightly dock a ferry vessel that carries vehicles overnight in the towns of  
7       Swan's Island, Vinalhaven, North Haven and Islesboro.

8                               **SUMMARY**

9               This bill directs the Department of Transportation to require the Maine State Ferry  
10       Service to nightly dock a ferry vessel that carries vehicles overnight in the towns of Swan's  
11       Island, Vinalhaven, North Haven and Islesboro for emergency medical, fire and law  
12       enforcement needs.