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H. P. 621

House of Representatives, January 25, 1961

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Estey of Portland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Maintenance and Use of Landings on Islands of Casco Bay.**

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

**P. & S. L., 1885, c. 495 § 10, repealed and replaced.** Section 10 of chapter 495 of the private and special laws of 1885, as enacted by chapter 94 of the private and special laws of 1919 and as repealed and replaced by chapter 116 of the private and special laws of 1953, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘Sec. 10. Maintenance of landings by other companies; use of landings by public; limitation of liability. No other ferry or steam or power boat line, operating between Portland and the islands in Casco Bay, shall make or maintain a landing place on Peaks Island, Great Diamond Island, Little Diamond Island, Long Island and Chebeague Island without the written consent of the Public Utilities Commission. If said People’s Ferry and the Casco Bay Lines are the recipients of public funds to assist then or either of them in maintaining safe, daily, year-round service to the islands of Casco Bay, then the public may make use of the landing places on said islands, without charge therefor, for the convenience of privately owned boats not engaged in transporting freight or passengers for hire, provided that such public use shall in no way interfere with the necessary use of said facilities by said People’s Ferry and the Casco Bay Lines. People’s Ferry and Casco Bay Lines shall not be liable for any damages to the public occasioned by said public use of said facilities. Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit the liability of said People’s Ferry and the Casco Bay Lines for their own negligence in the measure that they would be liable apart from the provisions of this section.

The use of the words “People’s Ferry” and “Casco Bay Lines” shall mean to include their respective successors and assigns for the purposes of this section.

Nothing herein shall be construed to interfere with or impair the existing vested rights of any other transportation company. The People's Ferry and the Casco Bay Lines shall maintain safe, daily service to the islands of Casco Bay under regulations promulgated by the Public Utilities Commission as to rates, schedules and safety.'