

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Referred to Committee on Industrial and Recreational Development. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Maddox of Vinalhaven.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

**AN ACT Authorizing the Maine Port Authority to Establish Foreign Trade
Zones in Maine.**

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1929, c. 114, § 1, sub-§ (e), additional. Section 1 of chapter 114 of the private and special laws of 1929, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection (e), to read as follows:

‘(e) Foreign trade zones. The Maine Port Authority is authorized to make application to the Secretary of Commerce of the United States for the purpose of establishing, operating and maintaining foreign trade zones in said State of Maine, under the Act of Congress providing for the establishment, operation and maintenance of foreign trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce.

Said port authority shall select and describe the location of the zone or zones for which application to establish may be made and to make such rules and regulations concerning the operation, maintenance and policing of same as may be necessary to comply with the Act of Congress creating said foreign trade zones, or as may be necessary to comply with such rules and regulations, made in accordance with the Act of Congress, relating to foreign trade zones. Said port authority shall have full power and authority to lease the right and erect, maintain and operate any structures or buildings or enclosures as may be necessary or proper for the establishing and operating any such foreign trade zones that might be established in the State of Maine under and by virtue of said Act of Congress.

The authority granted to said Maine Port Authority confers the right and duty

to do all things necessary and proper to carry into effect the establishing, maintaining and operating of foreign trade zones within the State of Maine to comply in full with said Act of Congress, and all regulations that are made thereunder.

The Maine Port Authority shall have the power and the duty to establish an area in and around the ports, harbors and navigable tidal rivers of the State of Maine, wherein personal property in transit shall be exempt from the stock-in-trade tax and such other taxes and customs as are normally levied in a port of entry. For the purpose of this section personal property in transit through the areas established by the port authority is defined as follows: Goods, wares and merchandise which is moving in interstate or international commerce through such areas, or which was consigned to a warehouse, public or private, within the State, from outside the State of Maine whether specified when transportation begins or afterward. Such property shall not be deprived of exemption because while in the warehouse the property is assembled, bound, joined, processed, disassembled, divided, cut, broken in bulk, relabeled or repackaged. The exemption granted shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes of this act. The warehouse in which said goods, wares or merchandise are stored shall not be owned, in whole or in part, by either the consignee or consignor.'