

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Sahagian of Belgrade.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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### **AN ACT to Provide for an Economic Survey to Establish an Industrial Foreign Trade Zone.**

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

**Appropriation.** There is appropriated to the Maine Port Authority from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of implementing a study to determine a location and feasibility of an industrial foreign trade zone on the coast of Maine. The study shall be coordinated with the State Comprehensive Economic Planning Office. Any unexpended balances shall not lapse until the purposes of this Act have been accomplished.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

To implement chapter 178 of the private and special laws of 1963 "An Act Authorizing the Maine Port Authority to Establish a Foreign Trade Zone in Maine" an economic survey for the proposed zone or zones must be made to the Federal Free Trade Zone Board. The economic survey must demonstrate that the anticipated commerce benefits and returns, both direct and indirect, will justify its construction to expedite and encourage foreign commerce.

A foreign trade zone is an isolated, enclosed and policed area, in or adjacent to a port of entry, operated as a public utility by a public or private corporation, and furnished with facilities for loading, unloading, handling, storing, manipulat-

ing, manufacturing and exhibiting goods and for reshipping them by land, water or air.

Foreign and domestic materials, components, and merchandise unless prohibited by law, may be brought into a zone without being subject to United States Customs laws that govern the entry of goods or the payment of duty thereon and subject to the Foreign Trade Zone Act, may be manufactured, processed, packaged, sold, exhibited, assembled, manipulated, packed, marketed, graded, broken-up stored, consumed, repacked, labeled, destroyed and cleaned.

The materials, components and merchandise may be exported, imported or transshipped in the original package or otherwise. Foreign articles sent from a zone into U. S. Customs territory are subject to laws and regulations affecting imported merchandise. There is no capital outlay for duties on foreign articles reshipped abroad from a zone.