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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT** Relating to Foreign Trade Zones.

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the immediate designation of certain areas as foreign trade zones would stimulate the general economy of the State of Maine; and

Whereas, the designation of these tariff free zones where foreign products can be received, processed and reshipped as completed products without being subject to tariffs would provide employment for citizens of the State of Maine; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**P. & S. L., 1929, c. 114, § 1, sub-§ (e), amended.** The first sentence of the 5th paragraph of subsection (e) of section 1 of chapter 114 of the private and special laws of 1929, as enacted by chapter 178 of the private and special laws of 1963 and as amended by section 36 of chapter 593 of the private and special laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

The Department of Transportation shall have the power and the duty to establish ~~such areas~~ foreign trade zones in ~~and around the ports, harbors and~~

~~navigable tidal rivers~~ of or adjacent to any ports of entry in 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. Any development or activity within a foreign trade zone established in the State of Maine shall be subject to the laws which the Departments of Environmental Protection, Conservation, Marine Resources and Inland Fisheries and Game are responsible for administering, as well as any other law whose purpose is the protection of the environment.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make any port of entry in the State of Maine an authorized location for the Department of Transportation to establish a foreign trade zone. This would permit the establishment of inland sites as well as coastal sites if the inland site had been designated by federal law as a port of entry.