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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 629

H. P. 508

House of Representatives, February 11, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. LaPointe of Portland.

Cosponsor: Mr. Mulkern of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Appropriating Funds for the Acquisition and Construction of a Site and Facilities for Certain Casco Bay Island Ferry Services and to Repair Other Such Ferry Facilities.

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

Whereas, the vehicular transfer bridge and terminal facilities on the Portland end of the Portland-Peaks Island vehicle ferry service are inadequate and urgently in need of replacement; and

Whereas, a new site therefor must be acquired and an adequate vehicular transfer bridge and terminal facilities constructed thereon to furnish this vital service not only to Peaks Island but to all the Islands of the Casco Bay service area; and

Whereas, such terminal facilities should include offices, passenger waiting rooms and rest rooms and provision for the parking of cars; and

Whereas, repairs are necessary for the passenger wharf on Cliff Island and similar facilities at Peaks Island; and

Whereas, the State of Maine, through the Bureau of Waterways of the State Department of Transportation presently provides ferry service and maintains the necessary landing facilities for numerous other Islands within 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 fol-

lowing 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:

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Bureau of Waterways Account the sum of \$1,000,000. This fund shall be used to acquire a new site for a vehicular transfer bridge on the Portland Waterfront for the Casco Bay Island Ferry Service; to construct not only such vehicular transfer bridge but also a new passenger terminal, including offices, passenger waiting rooms, rest rooms and to provide parking for up to 150 cars on said site; and to repair, as necessary, the passenger wharf on Cliff Island and to upgrade facilities at Peaks Island.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The above referenced improvements for the Casco Bay Island Ferry Services were recommended in a study completed for the State Department of Transportation by Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, Inc. in August, 1973. A breakdown of the estimated costs are as follows:

Replacement of vehicular transfer bridge	\$ 200,000
Construction of new passenger terminal facility	288,000
Parking area at Portland	180,000
Parking area and street approach on Peaks Island	50,000
Cliff Island Wharf rehabilitation	75,000
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Total for Facilities	\$ 793,000
Estimate of cost of land acquisition for passenger terminal, transfer bridge and parking area	\$ 207,000
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Total Cost	\$1,000,000