

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 312

S. P. 128

In Senate, February 9, 1977

Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Trotzky of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Foreign Trade Zones.

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

Whereas, all applications to the Foreign Trade Zone Board to establish foreign trade zones must now be submitted by the Department of Transportation; and

Whereas, certain proposed foreign trade zones may be of only local significance; 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:

Sec. 1. P&SL 1929, c. 114, § 1, sub-§ (e), 5th ¶, first sentence, as enacted by P&SL 1963, c. 178 and last amended by P&SL 1973, c. 205, is further amended to read:

The Department of Transportation ~~shall have the power and duty to establish~~ is authorized to make applications to the Foreign Trade Zone Board and to establish foreign trade zones that are to be located on state-owned, leased or otherwise controlled property. A municipality or group of municipalities is authorized with the approval of the Department of Transportation to make applications to the Foreign Trade Zone Board and to establish foreign trade

zones at other locations. ~~foreign~~ Foreign trade zones shall be established in 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.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1929, c. 114, § 1, sub-§ (e), 5th ¶, 2nd sentence, as enacted by P&SL 1973, c. 205, is amended to read:

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~~ Wildlife 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

This bill would allow a local municipality or group of municipalities to become the applicant for establishment of a foreign trade zone.