

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1029**

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H. P. 844

House of Representatives, March 15, 1977

Referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Beaulieu of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**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.

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

Whereas, in addition to an adequate vehicular transfer bridge, new passenger terminal facilities must be constructed 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, continued repairs and maintenance are necessary for the passenger wharf on Cliff Island and similar facilities at Peaks Island; and

Whereas, temporary emergency repairs are necessary for passenger and vehicular safety until appropriate new facilities are provided; and

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

**Casco Bay Island ferry services; appropriation.** There is appropriated from the Bureau of Waterways Account the sum of \$1,020,000. This sum 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 the site and to make emergency repairs as necessary.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The referenced improvements in this bill for the Casco Bay Island ferry services were recommended in a study completed for the Department of Transportation by Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, Inc., in August, 1973. A breakdown of the estimated costs are updated to 1977 as follows:

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| Replacement of vehicular transfer bridge  | \$ 200,000  |
| Construction of new passenger terminal facility   | 325,000     |
| Parking area at Portland  | 200,000     |
| Parking area and street approach on Peaks Island  | 50,000      |
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| Total for facilities  | \$ 775,000  |
| Estimate of cost of land acquisition for passenger terminal, transfer bridge and parking area | 245,000     |
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| Total cost  | \$1,020,000 |