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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1301

S. P. 388

In Senate, March 31, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Merrill of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Require the Use of Tugboats by Tankers Transiting Hussey Sound in Casco Bay.

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

38 MRSA § 561 is enacted to read:

§ 561. Tankers transiting Hussey Sound

No vessel designed or used to carry oil shall transit Hussey Sound between Great Diamond and Little Diamond Islands and Peaks and House Islands in Casco Bay, unless that vessel is assisted by a sufficient number of tugboats to ensure safe passage through that sound. The Department of Environmental Protection shall, within 90 days after the effective date of this section, adopt regulations setting forth the required number of tugs, having due regard to weather conditions and to neighboring waterborne traffic, which is necessary to ensure safe transit by any vessel subject to this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill ensures the environmental safety of Casco Bay by ensuring that any oil tanker transiting Hussey Sound in Casco Bay is assisted by a sufficient number of tugboats to provide safe passage.