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No. 2110

H. P. 2048

House of Representatives, January 26, 1978

The Committee on Local and County Government suggested. Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 25.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Violette of Van Buren.

Cosponsors: Mr. Smith of Mars Hill, Mr. McHenry of Madawaska, Mr. Peltier of Houlton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Support Improvement of Air Passenger Services.

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

30 MRSA § 427 is enacted to read:

§ 427. Commuter passenger services

1. **Legislative findings.** The Legislature finds and it declares that the availability of adequate commuter air services is essential to the health, welfare and economic wellbeing of the citizens of the State of Maine. The Legislature further finds that certain areas of Maine are not now adequately served by commuter air services. The Legislature further finds the reasons for this lack of availability of service are primarily economic. Therefore, the Legislature finds that it would be in the public interest to provide assistance to an experimental program for support of commuter air services to determine if that support may result in creation and operation of economically viable commuter air services for the benefit of the Maine citizens.

2. Authorization. The County of Aroostook is authorized to expend any funds which may be appropriated in the county budget to support establishment of a private commuter air service to serve an area or areas of the county not now having that service. These expenditures may be made to support establishment of a private commuter airline service upon presentation of a proper plan for use of the funds to the county commissioners and the county commissioners' approval of that plan, with any changes which they deem appropriate. Prior to approval of the program, the county commissioners shall be satisfied that the program includes sufficient fiscal controls and that there will be an adequate accounting of all county funds committed to the program.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the commissioners of Aroostook County to provide support for an experimental commuter airline service to improve air service in the county.