

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1193

H. P. 984

House of Representatives, March 14, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Post of Owl's Head.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Provide Ferry Service to Matinicus Plantation.

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1929, c. 114, § 1, sub-§ (e), as amended by P&SL 1959, c. 125, § 1, is further amended to read:

(e) Ferry service for North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro, Matinicus Plantation, Swan's Island and Long Island Plantation. It shall be the duty of the Maine Port Authority to operate a ferry line or lines between the mainland and the Towns of North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro, **Matinicus Plantation** and Swan's Island for the purpose of transporting vehicles, freight and passengers to and from said towns, and the Maine Port Authority may operate such ferry line or lines to and from Long Island Plantation.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1979-80	1980-81
TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Maine Port Authority		
All Other	\$4,000	\$4,000

The funds appropriated shall be used to provide ferry service to Matinicus Plantation.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide monthly ferry service to Matinicus Plantation. At the present time, there is no ferry service to the island. The State previously subsidized a private service to the island, but the private boat can no longer pass Coast Guard inspection. The owner of the vessel wishes to retire and not reinvest in a new vessel. This bill will provide state ferry service to the island on a limited basis.