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S. P. 666

Office of the Secretary of the Senate

Governor's Bill. Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Carpenter of Aroostook.

Cosponsor: Senator Emerson of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

**AN ACT to Permit the Department of Transportation to Acquire Railroad
Operating Equipment.**

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

23 MRSA § 4207-A is enacted to read:

§ 4207-A. Railroads; acquisition of railroad operating equipment by the
Department of Transportation

1. Definition of term "railroad operating equipment." Unless otherwise defined in this section, the term "railroad operating equipment" shall be construed to mean freight cars, passenger cars, cabooses and locomotives.

2. Acquisition of railroad operating equipment. The Department of Transportation is authorized to purchase and dispose of railroad operating equipment when in the judgment of the department the purchase or disposal of the equipment is necessary to protect the public interest.

3. Cooperation, acceptance and use of federal, state, local or private funds. The Department of Transportation is authorized and empowered to accept, for the State any federal, state, municipal or private funds as may be available and to act for the State, in conjunction with the Federal Government, municipal governments and private groups having a direct interest in the acquisition of railroad operating equipment.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is to permit the Department of Transportation to acquire a small emergency supply of railroad freight or passenger equipment for the temporary storage and emergency transportation of Maine agricultural or manufactured products for export and local distribution and to meet the future potential use of rail passenger transportation.