

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1358

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7 H.P. 949

House of Representatives, April 19, 1985

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

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Scarpino of St. George.
Cosponsored by Senator Chalmers of Knox.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT Relating to the Maine State Ferry
18 Service.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 23 MRSA §4406 is enacted to read:

23 §4406. Calculation of cost of operations

24 The Department of Transportation in determining
25 the tolls to be charged for the operation of the in-
26 dividual ferry lines shall ensure that:

27 1. Free passage. All ferry lines are reimbursed
28 from the General Fund for the cost of any free pas-
29 sage provided to employees of the Maine State Ferry
30 Service;

31 2. Replacement costs. All ferry lines are reim-
32 bursed from the General Fund for revenues lost and
33 costs incurred as a result of using a boat as a spare

1 or replacement on a route other than its routinely
2 assigned line;

3 3. Ferry terminals. The operational costs of
4 ferry terminals are apportioned to individual lines
5 according to passenger usage and vessel size; and

6 4. Surplus. Any surplus in funds generated by
7 each ferry line shall be placed in a separate ac-
8 count. These funds and the interest accrued shall be
9 used to defray any deficit incurred by another ferry
10 line. The balance of the surplus shall be used to re-
11 duce the passenger fare of that ferry line which gen-
12 erated the surplus.

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 The purpose of this bill to amend the law relat-
15 ing to the setting of ferry tolls to require:

16 1. Reimbursement to ferry lines for free passage
17 provided to Maine State Ferry Service employees;

18 2. Reimbursement for the use of a boat as a re-
19 placement on another route;

20 3. Apportionment of costs for operating ferry
21 terminals; and

22 4. The use of surplus funds to defray deficits
23 and reduce passenger fares.

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