

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1248

H.P. 932 House of Representatives, April 13, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SCARPINO of St. George.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to the Maine State Ferry
Service.

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §53, sub-§1, as enacted by PL
1981, c. 702, Pt. 2, §1, is amended to read:

1. Classification. The department shall cause
charts and maps to be made showing the location and
mileage of all highways in the State, and shall clas-
sify the highways of the State, and may, from time to
time, amend that classification, namely: First,
state highways, which mean a system of connected main
highways throughout the State which primarily serve
arterial or through traffic; 2nd, state aid highways,

1 which mean those highways not included in the system
2 of state highways which primarily serve as collector
3 and feeder routes connecting local service roads to
4 the arterial state highway system; and 3rd, town
5 ways, which mean all other highways not included in
6 the first 2 classes, which are maintained by the
7 towns and primarily serve as local service roads pro-
8 viding access to adjacent land; and 4th, established
9 ferry routes operated by the Maine State Ferry Ser-
10 vice connecting terminals on the mainland to ferry
11 terminals on the islands of Frenchboro, Islesboro,
12 Matinicus, North Haven, Vinalhaven and Swan's Island.
13 The criteria to be used in the classification of
14 highways shall be considered rulemaking and subject
15 to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II.

16 Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §351, as amended by PL 1971, c.
17 593, §22, is further amended to read:

18 §351. Definition of state highway

19 For the purposes of this section and section 401,
20 state highways are defined to be those highways that
21 have been and may in the future be so designated by
22 the department, in accordance with section 53, and
23 they include established ferry routes operated by the
24 Maine State Ferry Service, including all the ferry
25 boats and terminals, as well as any equipment neces-
26 sary to support and maintain safe and reliable ferry
27 service.

28 STATEMENT OF FACT

29 This bill changes the standard definition of a
30 highway to include established ferry routes, making
31 the Maine State Ferry Service eligible for state and
32 federal highway aid.

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