

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Reported by Representative BICKFORD from the Committee on
State and Local Government and printed under Joint Rule 2.
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Original bill sponsored by Representative VOSE of
Eastport. Cosponsored by Representative SCARPINO of St.
George and Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**AN ACT to Establish Maine Merchant Marine
Day.**

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4 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
5 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
6 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, Maine Merchant Marine Day is proposed to
be a commemorative day to be observed on May 22nd
each year; and

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Whereas, observance of Maine Merchant Marine Day
on May 22nd this year will not be possible unless the
law is enacted as emergency legislation; and

1 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
2 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
3 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
4 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
5 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
6 therefore,

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

9 Sec. 1. I MRSA §127 is enacted to read:

10 §127. Maine Merchant Marine Day

11 The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation
12 setting aside May 22nd as Maine Merchant Marine Day.
13 The proclamation shall invite and urge the people of
14 the State to observe the day in schools and other
15 suitable places with appropriate ceremony and study.
16 The Maine Maritime Academy and the Department of Edu-
17 cational and Cultural Services may make appropriate
18 information available to the people and the schools
19 within the limits of their budgets.

20 The purpose of commemorating the United States
21 Merchant Marines is to recognize the courage and
22 heroism of merchant mariners who have served the na-
23 tion in times of national emergencies. Merchant
24 mariners have valiantly served the nation during pe-
25 riods of international conflict by serving as combat-
26 ant crews on Letters of Marque during the Revolution-
27 ary War and the War of 1812 and on armed vessels dur-
28 ing the Civil War. In World War I and World War II,
29 they served on ships equipped with naval armament
30 while transporting supplies and troops between the
31 home front and war fronts. Thousands of merchant
32 mariners have been killed, captured or injured in the
33 defense of the nation.

34 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§8 is enacted to
35 read:

36 8. Maine Merchant Marine Day. Maine Merchant
37 Marine Day is May 22nd as established in Title 1,
38 section 127.

