

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 602

House of Representatives, February 27, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

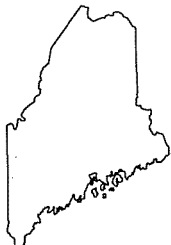
Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsored by Senator THERIAULT of Aroostook, Representative PARADIS of Frenchville and Representative McHENRY of Madawaska.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Encourage the Development of Air Transportation Service to
Small Communities.**



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

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6 MRSAs §19 is enacted to read:

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6 §19. Small community air service program

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8 1. Small community air service. To promote essential air
10 service, the Department of Transportation shall administer a
12 program of subsidies to qualified air carriers, patterned after
14 the federal essential air service program, to ensure that small
communities have adequate levels of service. This program must
take into consideration a minimum round trip and minimum seating
criteria for each eligible point to destinations within the State
that provide access into the national air transportation system.

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18 2. Eligibility requirements. To be eligible for subsidy,
20 an air carrier must be certified by the Federal Aviation
22 Administration to provide scheduled air service to the eligible
point and must demonstrate a need for subsidy. The eligible
point must be currently served by no more than one air carrier
providing scheduled service.

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26 3. Subsidies. The cost of air service subsidies must be
allocated between the State and the community desiring to receive
new service, with the State providing 80% of the subsidy and the
community providing 20% of the subsidy.

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30 4. Adoption of rules. The Department of Transportation
32 shall promulgate rules necessary to administer this section. The
rules must establish the formula for reimbursement and
application requirements.

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36 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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38 This bill establishes a small community air service program
administered by the Department of Transportation to promote
intrastate air service to small communities with limited air
service. The cost of air service subsidies is shared by the
State and by the community desiring new air service.