

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2000

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Legislative Document

No. 2632

S.P. 1045

In Senate, March 15, 2000

### **An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Sunset Bay Company.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin and  
Senators: PINGREE of Knox, RUHLIN of Penobscot, Representative: ETNIER of Harpswell.

2           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

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**Whereas,** funds were earmarked for the Eagle Island ferry  
service in Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 25; and

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**Whereas,** although the effective date of Private and Special  
Law 1999, chapter 25 was May 21, 1999, the Hancock County  
Commissioners have refused to pass these funds on to the ferry  
service; and

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**Whereas,** waiting until 90 days after adjournment of the  
Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature would place an  
inequitable and unwarranted burden on the ferry service; and

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**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,

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

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**Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated  
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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**SUNSET BAY COMPANY**

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All Other \$5,000

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Provides funds to the Sunset Bay Company to  
operate the Eagle Island ferry service in  
Hancock County.

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**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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**SUMMARY**

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In Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 25, section 2,  
\$5,000 of the county reimbursements for services for Hancock  
County was designated for use by the Eagle Island ferry service,  
which is operated by the Sunset Bay Company. Despite this

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2 provision of law, the Hancock County Commissioners declined to  
turn these funds over to the ferry service. This bill provides  
funding of \$5,000 directly to the ferry service.