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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 380, L.D. 505, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

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

Whereas, this Act expands the membership of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority Board of Directors to include the Commissioner of Transportation and the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development; and

Whereas, it is necessary for the new members of the board of directors to start work immediately to help facilitate the expansion and improvement of passenger rail service in Maine; and

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, '

Further amend the bill in section 8 in that part designated "§8112." by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 3, lines 6 to 15 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

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'1. Board of directors. The authority consists of a board of 7 directors. The 7 directors are the Commissioner of Transportation, who is a director ex officio, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, who also is a director ex officio, and 5 directors who are members of the public, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters for 5-year staggered terms, who shall serve until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. A vacancy in a position held by a director who is a member of the public occurring other than by the expiration of a term must be filled by the Governor and confirmed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters for the unexpired term.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 9 the following:

'Sec. 10 Transition provision. Current appointed members of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority board of directors shall serve until their terms expire.

Sec. 11. Extension of passenger rail service. The Department of Transportation shall develop a plan to extend the existing passenger rail service between Boston, Massachusetts and Portland northward to Brunswick and Rockland so that this extended service is in operation no later than January 1, 2008. The Department of Transportation shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation with its findings and recommendations no later than January 1, 2006.

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

SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill. It requires members of the board of directors of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority who are appointed by the Governor to be confirmed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters. The amendment also directs the Department of Transportation to develop a plan to extend the current Downeaster passenger rail service northward from Portland to Brunswick and Rockland so that this extended service is in operation no later than January 1, 2008. It directs the Department of Transportation to submit a report with its findings

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2 and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on
Transportation no later than January 1, 2006. The amendment also
adds a transition provision section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 05/05/05 *MAC*

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An Act Relating to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor cost increase - Highway Fund