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An Act To Update the Casco Bay Island Transit District Enabling Law

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HARLOW of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BROWNE of Vassalboro, COHEN of Portland,
EDGECOMB of Caribou, HANLEY of Gardiner, SARTY of Denmark, Senators: DAMON of
Hancock, TRAHAN of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. P&SL 1981, c. 22, §1, 3rd sentence** is amended to read:

3 The district so formed ~~shall be~~ is a body politic and corporate, and may sue and be sued,
4 plead and be impleaded, adopt a name, adopt and alter a common seal, and do things
5 necessary to furnish waterborne transportation in this area, including incidental tour and
6 charter service and providing for parking, for public purposes in the interest of public
7 health, safety, comfort and convenience of the inhabitants of the islands comprising the
8 district and other passengers served by the district.

9 **Sec. 2. P&SL 1981, c. 22, §2, 3rd sentence** is amended to read:

10 Three of such directors ~~shall~~ must be residents or property owners of Peaks Island, one
11 director ~~shall~~ must be a resident or property owner of Little Diamond Island, one director
12 ~~shall~~ must be a resident or property owner of Great Diamond Island, one director ~~shall~~
13 must be a resident or property owner of Long Island, one director ~~shall~~ must be a resident
14 or property owner of Cliff Island, one director ~~shall~~ must be a resident or property owner
15 of Great the Town of Chebeague Island, and two directors ~~shall~~ must be residents or
16 property owners of the State.

17 **Sec. 3. P&SL 1981, c. 22, §7** is amended to read:

18 **Sec. 7. Powers of directors.** The directors of the district may take, purchase,
19 hold, maintain, operate, lease, rent, mortgage and convey any and all real and personal
20 property, or lease or sublease the same, or enter into contracts with private companies, for
21 the purpose of providing public transportation and support services, such as providing for
22 parking, and for such purpose contract with the federal, state and municipal governments
23 for donations, loans, grants, gifts or other assistance and in such contracts agree to be
24 bound by all applicable provisions of federal, state and municipal statutes and regulations
25 as the case may be.

26 **Sec. 4. P&SL 1981, c. 22, §10** is amended to read:

27 **Sec. 10. Powers.** The district may acquire by purchase any properties, stock,
28 franchises, rights and privileges of the owners of Casco Bay Lines. For the purpose of
29 providing necessary and convenient transportation to its service area, the district may also
30 purchase other properties necessary for providing transportation and support services
31 such as providing for parking.

32 **SUMMARY**

33 This bill amends the charter of the Casco Bay Island Transit District by giving the
34 district authority to provide support services, such as parking for inhabitants of the islands
35 comprising the district as well as other passengers served by the district.

36 This bill also clarifies that the director from the Town of Chebeague Island must be a
37 resident or property owner, the same as any of the others directors.