

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, December 22, 2017

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**An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Pilotage Requirements for  
Passenger Ferry Service between Maine and Nova Scotia**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 19, 2017. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DION of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §87-A, sub-§1, ¶D-1** is enacted to read:

3 D-1. A vessel on regularly scheduled ferry operations between Bar Harbor, Maine  
4 and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, as long as the master of that vessel has completed an  
5 appropriate number of trips as established by commission rules and has met any  
6 appropriate federal requirements;

7 **Sec. 2. P&SL 1981, c. 98, §5, sub-§2, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 498,  
8 §2, is further amended to read:

9 This section does not apply to vessels under enrollment, fishing vessels or vessels  
10 powered by sail. This section does not apply to United States flagged vessels primarily  
11 engaged in the carriage of passengers for hire that operate on a published annual schedule  
12 and that are not in excess of 500 feet in overall length and have a draft not in excess of 20  
13 feet, as long as the master of any such vessel has navigated that specific vessel on the  
14 waters described in this section with the assistance of a pilot for a minimum of 15 round  
15 trips of ingress and egress to the waters described in this section. This section does not  
16 apply to foreign flagged vessels primarily engaged in the carriage of passengers for hire  
17 that operate on a published annual schedule and that are not in excess of 500 feet in  
18 overall length and have a draft not in excess of 20 feet, as long as the master of any such  
19 vessel has navigated that specific vessel on the waters described in this section with the  
20 assistance of a pilot for a minimum number of round trips of ingress and egress to the  
21 waters described under this section as established by the Board of Harbor Commissioners  
22 through rulemaking. A pilot must pilot a vessel as described in this paragraph upon the  
23 waters described in this section at least one round trip during each calendar month that  
24 the vessel operates upon the waters described in this section and at such other times as  
25 may be required by the Board of Harbor Commissioners to ensure port safety after  
26 hearing and notice.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill amends the pilotage requirements for vessels providing regularly scheduled  
29 passenger ferry service between Bar Harbor, Maine and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.