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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 235.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-FIVE.

AN ACT granting Ernest E. Abbot and Curtis E. Moon
the right to establish and maintain a Ferry between Sulli-
van and Hancock.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Ernest E. Abbot of Hancock and Curtis
2 E. Moon of Franklin, and their assigns, are hereby
3 authorized to establish and maintain a ferry for the space
4 of ten years, between the towns of Sullivan and Hancock,
5 in the county of Hancock, across Taunton bay, or Sulli-
6 van river, so called, from the terminus of the road as now
7 existing on the Sullivan shore to the terminus of the road
8 as now existing on the Hancock shore; with the right to

9 keep and maintain suitable boats to be propelled by oars,
10 sails, or cable, for the prompt and safe conveyance and
11 transportation of passengers, teams, carriages and freight,
12 and they are hereby authorized for this purpose to lay and
13 maintain a cable across said Sullivan river between the
14 termini above mentioned, but in such a way as not to
15 obstruct navigation.

SECT. 2. The following rates of toll are hereby estab-
2 lished, viz., for a single team and carriage carrying not
3 exceeding two persons, thirty-five cents; for a double
4 team and carriage carrying not exceeding two persons,
5 fifty cents; for each person exceeding two, five cents; and
6 for each additional horse, ten cents; for a foot passenger,
7 ten cents; for a yoke of cattle and driver, thirty-five
8 cents; for same, with cart, fifty cents; for an ox or horse
9 not driven in harness, fifteen cents; and for each addi-
10 tional, ten cents, the driver paying as a foot passenger;
11 and for sheep or swine, five cents per head; for a bicycle
12 and rider, twenty cents.

SECT. 3. Said ferry shall be operated, when the weather
2 permits, from half-past five o'clock in the forenoon until
3 nine o'clock in the afternoon, between the dates of May 15
4 and Sept. 15 of each year, and from sunrise until half-
5 past seven o'clock in the afternoon between the dates of
6 Sept. 15 and May 15 inclusive of each year.

But transportation shall be provided for foot passengers
8 from the last down train at night at Hancock, at fifteen
9 cents each, but not later than half-past nine in the after-
10 noon, standard time. For any unreasonable neglect or
11 delay to transport either passengers or freight during the
12 hours thus named, the persons operating said ferry shall

13 be liable in an action on the case to the party injured for
14 his damages.

SECT. 4. Any person who keeps a ferry contrary to
2 the provisions of this act, or who transports passengers,
3 teams, carriages or freight between said towns of Sulli-
4 van and Hancock, across said Taunton bay or Sullivan
5 river within three-fourths of a statute mile above or below
6 the ferry established by this act, for hire, or who fur-
7 nishes for hire a boat or other craft for such purpose, for-
8 feits four dollars for each day such ferry is kept, or for
9 each time of transportation, the same to be recovered by
10 said Abbot and Moon, or their assigns, to their use, in an
11 action on the case.

SECT. 5. Said Abbot and Moon or their assigns shall
2 give a bond to the treasurer of the county of Hancock in
3 such sum as the county commissioners of said county shall
4 require and with two sureties approved by said commis-
5 sioners, for the faithful performance of the provisions of
6 this act. Any one injured in person or property by the
7 negligence or fault of the persons operating said ferry or
8 their employees, may commence a suit on such bond in
9 which the proceedings shall be similar to those in actions
10 on the bonds of sheriffs, or instead may sue the persons
11 operating said ferry in an action on the case. .

SECT. 6. The county commissioners of Hancock county
2 shall have supervision of all matters pertaining to all
3 apparatus used in operating said ferry and service at the
4 same, and, upon petition and hearing, may order the same
5 to be improved, and if said order shall not be complied
6 with to their satisfaction, may revoke all the privileges
7 granted in this act; and may, after petition and hearing,
8 at any time, revoke the same when in their judgment the

9 public interests demand it. When at any hearing they
 10 find the person operating said ferry to be at fault, the
 11 latter shall pay costs of hearing, not including counsel
 12 fees; otherwise said costs shall be paid by petitioner.

If said commissioners shall under the foregoing provi-
 14 sions revoke the privileges granted by this act, they shall
 15 thereupon appraise the boats, apparatus and other personal
 16 property used in running said ferry at its fair value, and
 17 any person who may be appointed to run said ferry by
 18 said commissioners under the statutes of Maine shall pur-
 19 chase said property at said appraisal if the owner thereof
 20 assents thereto.

SECT. 7. Said Moon and Abbot or their assigns may
 2 transfer by assignment in writing the privileges granted by
 3 this act, and either may so transfer his rights hereunder
 4 and the party so transferring said rights shall be relieved
 5 from all obligations imposed by this act.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
 February 28, 1895. }

Reported by Mr. HAMLIN of Ellsworth, from Committee on Judi-
 ciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*