

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 29

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*House of Representatives, Jan. 25, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Public Utilities and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

*Presented by Mr. Ames of Stockton Springs.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

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AN ACT to incorporate the Penobscot River Ferry Company.

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

Section 1. William D. Bennett, Rodney S. Ginn, and  
2 Frank Bennett, and their associates and successors, are here-  
3 by created a body politic and corporate by the name of  
4 Penobscot Ferry Company, with power by that name to  
5 sue and be sued, and to have and use a common seal, and  
6 to adopt suitable by-laws for the proper management of  
7 the business of the Company, and to exercise and enjoy all  
8 the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties  
9 and liabilities incident to similar corporations under the  
10 laws of this state.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to establish and maintain a ferry across the Penobscot river, for a period of twenty years, for the purpose of conveying passengers and freight between the town of Verona in the County of Hancock, from a point near the land of Frank Bennett, and the town of Stockton Springs in the County of Waldo, to that part of said town known as Sandy Point, near what is commonly known as Gondola Cove; with the right to keep and maintain suitable boats to be propelled by oars, sails, naphtha, gasoline, steam, electricity, or any other motive power that has been or may hereafter be invented, discovered or devised, as may be deemed most advisable from time to time, for the proper and safe conveyance and transportation of passengers, teams, carriages, automobiles and freight.

Sect. 3. Said corporation shall run said boats at least, from the first day of May to the first day of November, and from sunrise to nine o'clock, in the afternoon of each day during that period, for the accommodation of travelers, their horses, carriages, carts, teams, automobiles, cattle and other freight, and cause ready and due attendance on passengers to be given on all occasions; and for every neglect of such attendance said corporation shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars, to be recovered by an action of debt in any court of competent jurisdiction, to the use of any person who shall sue therefor.

Sect. 4. Said corporation is hereby empowered and au-

2 thorized to erect and maintain at the terminal points of  
3 said ferry, such wharves, slips, landings and waiting rooms,  
4 and other structures as may be necessary for the proper  
5 and convenient operation and maintenance of said ferry;  
6 and for that purpose may take and hold, or purchase or  
7 lease, real estate at the terminal points of said ferry. If  
8 the parties cannot agree upon the value of any land taken  
9 under this act, the value shall be fixed and the damages  
10 assessed in the manner now provided by law in cases where  
11 real estate is taken by railroads.

Sect. 5. The rates of toll for the benefit of said corpo-  
2 ration shall be fixed by the Public Utilities Commission of  
3 the State of Maine.

Sect. 6. After a ferry has been actually established under  
2 this act, and so long as it shall be maintained, no person  
3 shall transport passengers, teams, carriages, automobiles or  
4 freight across said Penobscot river within one statute mile  
5 above or below the ferry established by this act, for hire,  
6 under the penalty of forfeiting four dollars for each time  
7 of transportation, the same to be recovered by said corpo-  
8 ration for its use, in an action on the case.

Sect. 7. The capital stock of said corporation shall not  
2 exceed twenty-five thousand dollars, to be divided into shares  
3 of not more than one hundred dollars each.

Sect. 8. Unless the ferry hereby authorized shall be es-  
2 tablished and put into operation within one year from the  
3 time this act shall take effect, then the same shall be null  
4 and void.