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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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Reported by Mr. Page from Committee on Public Utilities
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Granting Charles H. Scott the Right to Maintain a
Ferry Across Eggemoggin Reach in Hancock County.

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

Section 1. *Location of ferry.* Charles H. Scott of Deer
2 Isle, Hancock county, his associates and assigns are hereby
3 authorized to establish and maintain a ferry for the space
4 of ten years, across Eggemoggin Reach, between the towns
5 of Deer Isle and Sedgwick, in said Hancock county, from
6 the terminus of the road now existing on the Deer Isle
7 shore, near the steamboat wharf of the Maine Central Rail-
8 road, and the terminus of the road now existing on the
9 Sedgwick shore, near wharf of the Eastern Steamship Com-
10 pany, at Sargentville, with the right to keep and maintain
11 suitable boats to be propelled by wire and trucks, oars, sails,

12 steam or some other power, for the safe conveyance and
13 transportation of passengers, teams, animals, carriages, mo-
14 tor propelled vehicles, and freight.

Sect. 2. A minimum of service and a maximum of toll
2 as to the operation and maintenance of said ferry is hereby
3 provided: Said ferry shall be operated from June 1st to
4 October 15th daily, from six o'clock A. M. to nine o'clock
5 P. M., except Sundays, on which days said ferry shall be
6 operated from 5 A. M. to 9 P. M.; with two scows and two
7 power boats, sufficiently manned, the larger of at least a six-
8 car capacity and towed by a boat powered with an engine
9 of not less than a 35 H. P. rating, the other of at least a
10 three-car capacity and towed by a boat powered with an en-
11 gine of not less than 18 H. P. rating; said scows shall at
12 all times be sufficiently and properly equipped with all nec-
13 essary life-saving apparatus and appliances. A flat rate
14 charge of three dollars per round trip for each passenger
15 car including its occupants. Failure on the part of said
16 Scott, his associates and assigns, to comply with aforemen-
17 tioned minimum of operation and maintenance shall render
18 him or them liable to any person or persons damaged by
19 said failure in an action on the case.

Sect. 3. *Other ferries prohibited; exception.* Any person
2 who keeps a ferry contrary to the provisions of this act,
3 or who transports passengers, teams, animals, carriages,
4 motor-propelled vehicles, or freight between said towns of
5 Deer Isle and Sedgwick, across said Eggemoggin Reach,

6 within a statute mile above or below the ferry established
7 by this act for hire, by boat or other craft for such pur-
8 pose, forfeits four dollars for each day such ferry is kept
9 or for each time of transportation, the same to be recovered
10 by said Scott or his associates or assigns, to their use in an
11 action on the case. Provided, however, that the carrier of
12 the United States mail between Sargentville and Deer Isle
13 shall have the right to carry passengers and freight for hire,
14 within the limits of said ferry, while actually engaged in the
15 performance of his duties, as such carrier, on his regular
16 trips.

Sect. 4. *County commissioners to prescribe rules and reg-*
2 *ulations, not inconsistent with law.* The county commission-
3 ers of Hancock county shall have authority, on due notice
4 and hearing of all parties interested, to prescribe such rules
5 and regulations, touching the maintenance and operation of
6 said ferry not otherwise provided in nor inconsistent with
7 sections one, two and three as they may deem necessary to
8 meet the public demand in connection therewith. Failure of
9 said Scott, his associates and assigns by reason of death or
10 other inability to operate and maintain said ferry shall vest
11 said county commissioners with authority in the premises
12 to appoint and qualify a competent ferryman to operate and
13 maintain said ferry under the provisions of this act until
14 the next following session of the legislature.