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NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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S. P. 119

In Senate, January 26, 1949.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Hopkins of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Fares Between the Westerly End of Peaks Island and Portland.

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

P. L., 1927, c. 222, repealed. Chapter 222 of the public laws of 1927 is hereby repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Chapter 222 of the public laws of 1927 established fares on passenger boats operating between the westerly end of Peaks Island and Portland. The fares so established were 15c for a single ticket and \$1 for a book of 10 ride tickets. These fares, established more than 22 years ago, are inadequate in view of economic changes in recent years, and the greatly increased costs of operating and maintaining these boats. Casco Bay Lines, which is the only line of passenger boats operating between Portland and Peaks Island, is a public utility and is under the jurisdiction of the public utilities commission. The fares and rates of public utilities are, and should be, fixed by the commission. This 1927 act is obsolete and results in class legislation which affects only one company, to wit, Casco Bay Lines.