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Presented by Mr. Hanson of Machiasport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to a Ferry Between Beals and Jonesport.

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

Sec. 1. Ferry; operation. The town of Beals is authorized to establish and maintain a ferry between the town of Beals and Jonesport, and to make use of suitable landing places in either or both towns, and the town shall make such rules and regulations as it deems advisable for the safe operation of the ferry.

The town of Beals is authorized to employ such persons as may be necessary for the efficient and safe operation of the ferry or to lease the right to operate the same to any responsible person or persons who shall be legal residents of Beals.

Said ferry shall be operated each day, when ice and weather permits, at such hours between 5 A. M. and 10 P. M. and upon such schedules, as the town deems necessary for reasonable accommodation of the residents of the towns of Beals and Jonesport and other persons upon or in the pursuit of lawful business in said Beals.

Sec. 2. Negligence of ferryman. In the event any ferryman is grossly negligent or careless in the discharge of his duties as a ferryman, or

neglects or refuses to discharge his duties, the selectmen of Beals shall summarily, after due investigation and consultation, remove such ferryman.

Sec. 3. Ramps. The town of Beals shall have the power to construct adequate ramps and landing places for the ferry.

Sec. 4. Rates. The town of Beals shall establish reasonable rates of toll for passengers, freight, baggage and vehicles. The selectmen of the town shall have supervision of all matters pertaining to boats, equipment, apparatus and edifices used in the operation of said ferry and shall see that suitable boats, equipment, apparatus and edifices are used.

Sec. 5. Operation without authority. Any person who operates a ferry between Beals and Jonesport without authorization of the town of Beals, or who furnishes for hire a boat or other craft for such purposes, forfeits \$4 for each time of transportation, to be recovered by the town of Beals by an action of debt.

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Sec. 6. Equipment for operation of ferry; supervision. The town of Beals is expressly authorized to purchase or otherwise acquire boats, equipment, apparatus and edifices necessary to the operation of the ferry.

The selectmen of the town of Beals shall have supervision of the ferry and be directly responsible to the people of the town for such supervision and management of the prudential affairs of the ferry.