

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 209**

H. P. 204

House of Representatives, January 26, 1955.

Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bernier of Waterville.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to Use of Life Rafts by Certain Boats.**

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

**R. S., c. 49, § 10, amended.** The first paragraph of section 10 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Every vessel more than 30 feet in length, measured from end to end along deck, excluding sheer, subject to registration, shall have at least 1 substantial boat, with life lines attached, properly supplied with oars, kept tight and in good condition at all times and ready for immediate use. In addition thereto, such other boats **or life rafts** shall be carried as the Commission, on account of the route or the number of passengers, may deem requisite. It shall be the duty of the master of such vessel to exercise and discipline his crew in the launching, use and management of the boats **and life rafts** until they become skillful boatmen. The Commission may make such rules and regulations as it deems necessary, designating what boats **or life rafts**, if any, shall be carried by vessels less than 30 feet in length.'