

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1049**

S. P. 366

In Senate, March 4, 1959

Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Willey of Hancock.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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**RESOLVE, in Favor of Lena Freyer of Covington, Kentucky.**

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**Lena Freyer; compensated. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the General Highway Fund the sum of \$4,500 to be paid to Lena Freyer, of Covington, Kentucky, as a full and final settlement of her claim against the State for serious personal injury and property damage, sustained on July 11, 1957, in the collision of her husband's automobile with the improperly secured draw of the Bucksport-Trenton Bridge, controlled and operated by the State Highway Commission.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

Lena Freyer was visiting in Maine with her husband at the time she was injured on July 11, 1957. At the approach to the state operated Bucksport-Trenton Bridge, the Freyer car was detained behind a number of motor vehicles waiting for the open draw of the bridge to close. After the draw closed, several vehicles passed safely over the bridge followed by a large trailer truck operated at some distance in front of the Freyer car. The truck was about to leave the bridge when its weight caused the improperly secured draw to depress beneath it quickly raising the end of the draw nearest to the approaching Freyer automobile. The Freyers were unable to avoid this sudden obstruction and in the collision Mrs. Freyer sustained serious personal injuries and property damage.