

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

ACTS AND RESOLVES  
AS PASSED BY THE  
Ninety-first and Ninety-second  
Legislatures  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE

From April 10, 1943 to April 21, 1945  
AND MISCELLANEOUS STATE PAPERS  
From April 10, 1943 to May 24, 1945

---

Published by the Revisor of Statutes in accordance  
with Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes of 1944.

---

KENNEBEC JOURNAL  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
1945

---

---

**Private and Special Laws**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE**

As Passed by the Ninety-second Legislature

**1945**

---

---

## Chapter 24

### AN ACT to Confer Jurisdiction upon the United States District Court of Maine.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, on the 17th day of August, 1939 an accident occurred between the lighthouse tender Ilex, owned by the United States, and the Carlton bridge at Bath, Maine, owned by the state of Maine, and

Whereas, the congress of the United States, by public law 545, has conferred jurisdiction upon the United States District Court of Maine to allow the United States to be sued as a private party, and

Whereas, public law 545 states that the jurisdiction thus conferred shall not be exercised unless the state of Maine shall consent to suit in the same cause in any counterclaim asserted by the United States arising out of the same transaction, as though the state of Maine were a private party, and

Whereas, it is necessary for the state of Maine to grant such consent, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Jurisdiction conferred upon the United States District Court of Maine.** Jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine to hear, determine and render judgment as though the state of Maine were suable in tort, upon any counterclaim of the United States, for compensation for damages sustained by its lighthouse tender Ilex, resulting from the collision by the lighthouse tender Ilex, owned and operated by the United States, with the Carlton bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath, Maine, which bridge is owned by the state of Maine. The collision occurred on the 17th day of August, 1939.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.