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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

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this section, a "unit of wharf space" means a 50-foot increment of wharf, dock or slip located within the limits of Portland Harbor and used as a docking facility for recreational vessels at any time during the prior calendar year. Any increment of wharf space less than 50 feet shall be considered one unit.

2. Appeal of service fees to commission. Any party charged a service fee pursuant to this section has the right to request a review hearing. The owner of a wharf, slip or dock shall make this request in writing and file it with the secretary of the commission. The commission shall establish by rule the time within which an appeal must be filed.

On receipt of an application for review by the commission, the chair shall designate a time and place for the hearing and make other arrangements for hearing as necessary. The commission may summon witnesses, administer oaths, order the production of books, records, papers, instruments and any additional evidence it deems necessary in order to make a decision.

Sec. 3. P&SL 1981, c. 98, §7, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Service fees. The harbor master or the harbor master's deputies shall collect any service fees provided for by section 5-A from every owner of a wharf, slip or dock subject to those fees.

Sec. 4. Appointment of new members. The 2 gubernatorial appointees added to the commission by this Act shall be appointed immediately after this Act takes effect, or as soon thereafter as deemed possible. Notwithstanding Private and Special Law 1981, chapter 98, section 2, in order to maintain the staggered membership of the commission, the initial terms of those 2 members shall expire in 1992.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 62

S.P. 652 - L.D. 1749

An Act Relating to the Portland Fish Pier Authority

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, it has become necessary for the management of the Portland Fish Pier Authority to be reorganized to ensure the continued availability of the site to citizens of Maine; and

Whereas, the swift reorganization is imperative to the economic viability of the Portland Fish Pier Authority; and

Whereas, this Act is necessary to clarify the status of the proposed Portland Fish Pier Authority with respect to certain provisions of the Maine statutes; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning 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:

Sec. 1. Articles of incorporation. The Portland Fish Pier Authority, a local development corporation as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 963-A, subsection 28, formed by the municipal officers of the City of Portland as a nonprofit corporation under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 13-B, shall be subject to this Act upon filing the articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State. The authority shall promptly file an attested copy of the articles of incorporation and any amendments to them with the Executive Director of the Legislative Council for distribution to the appropriate joint standing committee or committees of the Legislature.

Sec. 2. Quasi-municipal corporation. The authority shall be deemed a quasi-municipal corporation for all purposes, including, without limitation, the Maine Tort Claims Act, Title 14, chapter 741.

Sec. 3. Freedom of access. Title 1, chapter 13 shall apply to the authority, provided that business negotiations concerning economic use and development of the property of the authority may be conducted in executive sessions of the authority in accordance with Title 1, section 405, subsection 6, paragraph C if premature disclosures of the information would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the authority. Final action on those matters may not be conducted in executive session.

The financial records and business proposals of any entity, which are supplied to the authority solely for the purpose of confidential business negotiations and which have not otherwise been made public, are confidential records within the meaning of Title 1, section 402, unless otherwise designated by that entity.

Sec. 4. Commissioner of Transportation on board. The Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's designee, may serve on the board of directors of the authority in an official capacity.

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

Effective June 28, 1989.
