

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**January 6, 2016 to April 29, 2016**

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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JULY 29, 2016**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2016**

2. Include procedures to modernize customer services, including, but not limited to, passenger wait lines, slot times and seasonal rates. The procedures must be developed with the goal of improving customer service and identifying opportunities for increased revenue; and

3. Implement a standardized process to improve training of Maine State Ferry Service employees. The rules must require that, to the extent it is practicable, vessel crew training be accomplished before reporting for duty, including, but not limited to, familiarization with the vessel the crew member will be working on. Vessel crew training must include, but is not limited to, the location and operation of emergency equipment and firefighting equipment and vessel-specific procedures, overboard drills and duty stations in port and at sea. The training may be accomplished by the port captain except for training that must be accomplished while the vessel is under way. Training under this subsection must satisfy the applicable federal regulations for ferry boats and ferry service training protocols; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than February 1, 2017, the Department of Transportation shall submit a report with the results of the peer review assessment under section 1 and a progress report on its rules developed pursuant to section 2 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters may submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature related to the reports; and be it further

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF  
Multimodal - Island Ferry Service Z016**

Initiative: Provides allocations to conduct a peer review of the Maine State Ferry Service and to outfit all Maine State Ferry Service vessels with lockboxes for medical samples.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$5,000
All Other	\$0	\$1,500
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>
<b>ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$10,000
All Other	\$0	\$3,000

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES	\$0	\$13,000
<b>FUND TOTAL</b>		

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 87**

**H.P. 1006 - L.D. 1465**

**Resolve, To Require the  
Department of Health and  
Human Services To Conduct a  
Study of Ambulance Services**

**Sec. 1. Rate study. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall contract with a 3rd-party consultant to conduct a rate study of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 5, Ambulance Services. The rate study must account for provider costs related to ambulance services. The rate study must also assess the feasibility of reimbursing for community paramedicine services and potential rates for those services. The 3rd-party consultant conducting the study under this section shall invite the participation of stakeholders providing ambulance services; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services, no later than January 1, 2017, shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the department's progress on developing a reimbursement rate for community paramedicine services pursuant to section 1 of this resolve.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 88**

**H.P. 1162 - L.D. 1696**

**Resolve, To Establish a  
Moratorium on Rate Changes  
Related to Rule Chapter 101:  
MaineCare Benefits Manual,  
Sections 13, 17, 28 and 65**

**Sec. 1. Rate Study. Resolved:** That, on January 2, 2017, the Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with a completed rate study on Rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Sections 13, 17, 28 and 65 conducted by Burns and Associates and in process on the effective date of this resolve; and be it further