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An Act To Update the Casco Bay Island Transit District Enabling Law

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1981, c. 22, §1, 3rd sentence is amended to read:

The district so formed shall beis a body politic and corporate, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, adopt a name, adopt and alter a common seal, and do things necessary to furnish waterborne transportation in this area, including incidental tour and charter service and providing for parking, for public purposes in the interest of public health, safety, comfort and convenience of the inhabitants of the islands comprising the district and other passengers served by the district.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1981, c. 22, §2, 3rd sentence is amended to read:

Three of such directors shall<u>must</u> be residents or property owners of Peaks Island, one director shall<u>must</u> be a resident or property owner of Little Diamond Island, one director shall<u>must</u> be a resident or property owner of Long Island, one director shall<u>must</u> be a resident or property owner of Long Island, one director shall<u>must</u> be a resident or property owner of Cliff Island, one director shall<u>must</u> be a resident or property owner of Greatthe Town of Chebeague Island, and two directors shall<u>must</u> be residents or property owners of the State.

Sec. 3. P&SL 1981, c. 22, §7 is amended to read:

Sec. 7. Powers of directors. The directors of the district may take, purchase, hold, maintain, operate, lease, rent, mortgage and convey any and all real and personal property, or lease or sublease the same, or enter into contracts with private companies, for the purpose of providing public transportation <u>and support</u> services, <u>such as providing for parking</u>, and for such purpose contract with the federal, state and municipal governments for donations, loans, grants, gifts or other assistance and in such contracts agree to be bound by all applicable provisions of federal, state and municipal statutes and regulations as the case may be.

Sec. 4. P&SL 1981, c. 22, §10 is amended to read:

Sec. 10. Powers. The district may acquire by purchase any properties, stock, franchises, rights and privileges of the owners of Casco Bay Lines. For the purpose of providing necessary and convenient transportation to its service area, the district may also purchase other properties necessary for providing transportation <u>and support services such as providing for parking</u>.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the charter of the Casco Bay Island Transit District by giving the district authority to provide support services, such as parking for inhabitants of the islands comprising the district as well as other passengers served by the district.

This bill also clarifies that the director from the Town of Chebeague Island must be a resident or property owner, the same as any of the others directors.