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H.P. 843

House of Representatives, March 25, 2025

An Act to Address Employee Recruitment and Retention Issues Within the Maine State Ferry Service by Providing a Yearly Stipend

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

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Presented by Representative RAY of Lincolnville.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BECK of South Portland, EATON of Deer Isle,

FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, MACIAS of Topsham, WEBB of Durham.

1	be it enacted by the Feople of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4408 is enacted to read:
3	§4408. Stipend for employees
4 5 6 7	Beginning January 1, 2026, the Department of Transportation shall provide an annual stipend to all employees of the Maine State Ferry Service calculated for each employee at an amount equal to \$5.00 per hour multiplied by the total hours worked in the previous year for that employee.
8 9 10	<b>Sec. 2. Prohibition to increase ferry tolls.</b> Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the implementation of this Act may not cause an increase in tolls under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 4404.
11	SUMMARY
12 13 14 15 16	This bill directs the Department of Transportation, beginning January 1, 2026, to provide an annual stipend to all employees of the Maine State Ferry Service calculated in an amount equal to \$5.00 per hour multiplied by the total hours worked the previous year for each employee and prohibits the department from raising ferry tolls to pay for the stipend.