

Testimony of Chris Wharff, Harbormaster, Bar Harbor
In Support of
LD 1477, An Act to Provide an Exemption from Pilotage Requirements for Passenger
Ferry Service Between Bar Harbor, Maine and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia
Joint Standing Committee on Transportation
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Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and Members of the Transportation Committee,

My name is Chris Wharff, and I am the Harbor Master for Bar Harbor. I testify in support of LD 1477, An Act to Provide an Exemption from Pilotage Requirements for Passenger Ferry Service Between Bar Harbor, Maine and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

- Bay Ferries has been a good neighbor and participant in Bar Harbor's economic development
 - o Invested in and maintains the Terminal Facility
 - o Provide essential service to our harbor infrastructure
- Come and go from Bar Harbor every day during daylight hours most of the year.
- Personally understand the familiarity of the CAT crew and expertise in maneuvering the CAT through Frenchman's Bay to Bar Harbor