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Re: **LD 1231** An Act Requiring Ferries to Dock Overnight on Certain Islands for  
Emergency Purposes.

To whom it may concern;

I am writing to you today in support of LD 1231.

I was visiting Swan's Island on March 21, 2025, enjoying time with my family. During the activities of the evening, I fell and was unable to get up without the assistance of my friends. The pain was excessive and I could not make it to our car even with the assistance of others. We called 911 and the EMS crew from Swan's Island arrived. After assessing my injury, it was determined I needed care sooner than later. I was transported to the Ferry Terminal by ambulance and the ambulance was driven onto the Ferry for an emergency trip to the mainland. The Captain and his crew were available and prompt on the Island for an emergency trip.

I am so thankful that the Ferry was available for my emergency trip to the mainland. I underwent emergency surgery upon arriving at the trauma unit in Bangor. I am slowly recovering from what the surgeon called a serious injury for my younger age.

Having the Ferry available for these emergencies makes a difference in the life of not only the residents of the islands, but also in the life of those of us that have the privilege to visit.

Thank you for your consideration in the matter of LD 1231.

Sincerely,

John C. Hersey, OD



- You can see the Ferry Terminal in the background as Swan's Island EMS transfers me to Southwest Harbor-Tremont Ambulance.

