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House of Representatives, January 24, 2019

An Act To Prohibit the Operation of Large Commercial Vessels in the Waters of Southern Mount Desert Island

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CARSON of Cumberland, CHENETTE of York,
CHIPMAN of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MILLETT of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §286** is enacted to read:

3 **§286. Operation of commercial vessels; southern Mount Desert Island**

4 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
5 following terms have the following meanings.

6 A. "Commercial vessel" means any type of watercraft used exclusively in a business
7 or trade.

8 B. "Waters of southern Mount Desert Island" means the No Discharge Area for
9 Southern Mount Desert Island designated in Maine Marine Sanitation Device
10 Standard--Notice of Determination, 74 Federal Register, 34,340 (2009).

11 **2. Prohibition.** A person may not operate, moor or anchor in the waters of southern
12 Mount Desert Island a commercial vessel greater than 200 feet in length or that has the
13 capacity to carry more than 100 passengers.

14 **3. Vessels exempt.** The following vessels are exempt from subsection 2:

15 A. Vessels operated for the purpose of scientific research;

16 B. Vessels owned and operated by a municipality;

17 C. Vessels owned and operated by the State Government; and

18 D. Vessels owned and operated by the Federal Government.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill prohibits the operation, mooring or anchoring of commercial vessels over
21 200 feet in length or with the capacity to carry more than 100 passengers in the waters of
22 southern Mount Desert Island.