

9225. RESOLUTION 05-17 CREATES A NEW FARE CLASS FOR PASSENGERS SIX (6) TO THIRTEEN (13) YEARS OF AGE ON A TRIAL-BASIS FOR THE CAPE MAY - LEWES FERRY. The Executive Director presented the following Resolutions.

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority, (the “Authority”) is a bi-state agency created by Compact for the purpose of the operating crossing facilities between the States of Delaware and New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Authority owns and operates the Cape May - Lewes Ferry service (“CMLF”), which connects Cape May, New Jersey, and Lewes, Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the CMLF has experienced a decline in passenger traffic in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the Authority hired a consultant to analyze the market, to review the CMLF operations and compare them to industry best practices, and to develop strategies that will promote passenger growth; and

WHEREAS, one of the consultant’s preliminary recommendations is to create a new fare class for older children that is 50% of the current adult fare; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to make the ferry service more affordable for families to encourage more people to use the service and to generate higher revenues; and

WHEREAS, the new fare class for passengers ages 6-13 will be:

	<u>April – October</u>	<u>November – March</u>
Passenger One-Way	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.00
Foot Passenger Round-Trip	\$ 7.50	\$ 5.00

WHEREAS, the Authority’s management will evaluate the impact of the new fare class on passenger traffic and make recommendations to the Commissioners at the close of a one-year trial period as to the continuance of the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners does hereby adopt a new fare class for passengers ages 6-13 at the Cape May – Lewes Ferry at 50% of the current adult passenger fares. This new fare class shall become effective on May 27, 2005, Memorial Day Weekend, for a trial-period of one (1) year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koebig to approve Resolution 05-17 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Favre. Resolution 05-17 was approved by a roll call vote of 9-1 with Commissioner Patterson casting the no vote.