

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 **Legislative Document**

**No. 1961**

7 S. P. 838 In Senate, February 11, 1982  
Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to  
Joint Rule 26.

8 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and ordered  
printed. Sent down for concurrence.

Presented by Senator Brown of Washington.  
MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Cosponsor: Representative Conners of Franklin.

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12 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
13 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO  
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15 AN ACT Relating to the Safety of  
16 Herring Spotter Planes.  
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18 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

19 **Sec. 1.** 6 MRSA §202, sub-§10, as amended by PL 1971,  
20 c. 404, §27, is further amended to read:

21 10. Trespass. For any person to trespass upon the  
22 landing area of any licensed or registered airport; and

23 **Sec. 2.** 6 MRSA §202, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

24 11. Spotter planes. For any person to use an aircraft  
25 to locate fish for commercial harvesting without at least 2  
26 persons in the cockpit of the aircraft.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2           In some commercial fisheries, such as the herring fish-  
3 ery, light aircraft are commonly used to spot fish. These  
4 planes often fly at low altitudes, and fly close to other  
5 spotter planes. If the pilot is trying to spot fish while  
6 also trying to operate the aircraft, he will not be able to  
7 watch out for other aircraft or other obstacles. This bill  
8 requires spotter aircraft to have at least 2 persons in the  
9 cockpit, so that one can spot fish while the other safely  
10 navigates the aircraft.

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