

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 13

In Senate, January 13, 2015

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**An Act To Limit the Liability of Landowners Who Allow  
Recreational Climbing on Their Land**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway and  
Senators: DILL of Penobscot, EDGECOMB of Aroostook, HASKELL of Cumberland,  
MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: HICKMAN of Winthrop,  
HOBBINS of Saco, MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §159-A, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 156, §1, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 B. "Recreational or harvesting activities" means recreational activities conducted  
5 out-of-doors, including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, trapping, camping,  
6 environmental education and research, hiking, rock climbing, ice climbing,  
7 bouldering, rappelling, recreational caving, sight-seeing, operating snow-traveling  
8 and all-terrain vehicles, skiing, hang-gliding, noncommercial aviation activities, dog  
9 sledding, equine activities, boating, sailing, canoeing, rafting, biking, picnicking,  
10 swimming or activities involving the harvesting or gathering of forest, field or marine  
11 products. It includes entry of, volunteer maintenance and improvement of, use of and  
12 passage over premises in order to pursue these activities. "Recreational or harvesting  
13 activities" does not include commercial agricultural or timber harvesting.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 Current law limits the liability of landowners who allow certain recreational or  
16 harvesting activities on their land. This bill provides that recreational climbing is  
17 included in these activities.