

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2019

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No. 442

S.P. 120

In Senate, January 29, 2019

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**An Act To Set Speed Limits for All-terrain Vehicles on Trails within  
50 Yards of a Stream or Pond To Prevent Runoff**

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Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.  
Cosponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield and  
Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, HAMPER of Oxford, Representative:  
KINNEY of Knox.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13157-A, sub-§28** is enacted to read:

3 **28. Speed limits when operating near streams and ponds.** A person may not  
4 operate an ATV at a speed of more than 15 miles per hour within 50 yards of a stream or  
5 pond unless the ground is frozen and sufficiently covered with snow.

6 A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine  
7 of not less than \$100 or more than \$500 may be adjudged.

8 B. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having  
9 committed 3 or more civil violations under this subsection within the previous 5-year  
10 period commits a Class E crime.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill prohibits the operation of an all-terrain vehicle at a speed of more than 15  
13 miles per hour within 50 yards of a stream or pond, unless the ground is frozen and  
14 sufficiently covered with snow. It specifies that a person who violates this prohibition  
15 commits a civil violation, except that a person who violates this prohibition after having  
16 been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more violations of this prohibition within the  
17 previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.