

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, February 28, 1967

Referred to Committee on Industrial and Recreational Development. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hildreth of Cumberland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Definition of Wilderness Area Under State Park and  
Recreation Laws.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 601, sub-§ 3, additional.** Section 601 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection 3, to read as follows:

3. **Wilderness or natural area.** As used in this chapter, "wilderness" or "natural area," or both, shall mean: Any area of land largely in a natural condition and containing natural features of scenic, ecological, or scientific interest or importance. The presence of man-made development shall not preclude an area from this classification if such developments either are not likely to remain or leave a permanent mark upon the natural character of the area, or if they are essential to the operation of the area as a wilderness or natural area, or both, and detract minimally from its natural character.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 602, amended.** The 2nd paragraph of section 602 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by inserting after the first sentence, a new sentence, to read as follows:

**Wilderness or natural areas, or both, shall be established and managed primarily to preserve the natural character and features of such areas, and any use or development which threatens such character and features shall be prohibited.**