

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 614

H. P. 459

House of Representatives, February 4, 1971

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Simpson of Standish.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Relating to Trespass on Certain Land Surrounding
Lakes and Other Bodies of Water.**

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

R. S., T. 17, § 3853, amended. Section 3853 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 3853. Commercial or residential property

Whoever willfully enters in and upon any land commercially used, including parking lots, or whoever willfully enters in and upon residential property or the improved lands appertaining to any farm, summer camp or cottage **or in and upon any riparian or littoral property or lands, or upon any land situated between the same and the then existing water's edge,** or whoever parks any motor vehicle in any private drive or way in a manner to block the same or on a public highway in such a manner as to block the entrance to a private driveway, gate or barway, or whoever willfully permits his cattle, horses, sheep or swine to enter in and upon residential property, including summer residences and cottages after having been forbidden to do so by the owner or occupant thereof, either personally or by an appropriate notice posted conspicuously on the premises, shall be guilty of trespass and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make it a trespass for people to enter onto lands on lakes and other bodies of water between the low-water mark and the nearest property boundary.