

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 667

S. P. 221

In Senate, February 10, 1971

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Tanous of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Trespass on Private Roads.

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

R. S., T. 17, § 3860, additional. Title 17 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new section 3860, to read as follows:

§ 3860. Trespass on private roads

Whoever willfully enters on or passes over any private road of another maintained and used for the hauling and transportation of forest products, including pulp and timber, without the permission of the owner thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both. This provision shall not prohibit the crossing of such a road as directly as possible, provided that such crossing can be made in safety and without interfering with vehicular traffic.

STATEMENT OF FACT

There is presently no provision in the statutes which would allow the bringing of a trespass complaint against persons who operate on private roads of another without permission. Woods operators particularly, have been experiencing difficulty with the operation of snowmobiles over their roads and since it is an extremely dangerous and hazardous practice, there is presently no way wherein law enforcement officers can take any action.