

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 749

H. P. 573

House of Representatives, February 10, 1971

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. 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 Lands Abutting Great Ponds.

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 is amended by adding a new section 3860 to read as follows:

§ 3860. Lands abutting great ponds

Whoever willfully enters in and upon any land abutting a great pond within a marked area of 100 feet from the high water mark where 300 feet of water exists to the opposite shore line 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

Because of the increasing frequency of trespassers something must be done to protect the privacy of property owners on the great ponds. There are frequent problems with renters coming for 2 weeks at neighboring cottages, having no respect for others and constantly moving into other locations because of the quietness and privacy, for picnics and swimming. Money and time have been invested by owners in moving rocks and sand, making a sandy beach which is attractive for use, which also attracts the outsiders.

The people abutting the great ponds who are paying high taxes should at least have the right to use the area abutting their own property with some degree of privacy.