

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1855**

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H. P. 1417

House of Representatives, April 9, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Access and Egress to Great Ponds.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 2557-B, additional.** Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2557-B to read as follows:

**§ 2557-B. Great ponds**

Any person on foot may engage in any activity on the great ponds not inconsistent with any other law or regulation of the State or its political subdivisions.

**Sec. 2. 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. Great pond; access or egress**

No person on foot shall be denied access or egress over unimproved land to a great pond.

The Attorney General shall, upon complaint of a person being denied said access or egress, if in his judgment the public interest so requires, prosecute criminally or civilly any person who denies such right of access or egress.

Any person may maintain an action in the Superior Court having jurisdiction where the alleged denial of access or egress occurred or is likely to occur for declaratory and equitable relief and actual and punitive damages against any person, partnership, corporation or other legal entity for any violations of this section.

**Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 and by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the Title.