

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 784

H. P. 633

House of Representatives, February 26, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Tarr of Bridgton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Public Safety on Passenger Tramways at Ski Areas.

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

25 MRSA §§ 1996 and 1997 are enacted to read:

§ 1996. Duties of skiers; acts prohibited

It shall be the duty of any skier to conduct himself within the limitation of his individual ability and in no way contribute to the injury of himself or others. No person engaged in skiing shall be authorized to:

1. Embark and disembark from tramway except as designated. Embark or disembark from any passenger tramway, as defined in this chapter, except at a designated area.

2. Throw or expel objects from a tramway. While riding on any passenger tramway, as defined in this chapter, or similar device, throw or expel therefrom any object, nor while riding on said passenger tramway, shall the skier do any act or thing which shall interfere with the running of said tramway.

3. Engage in harmful conduct. While riding on any passenger tramway, as defined in this chapter, willfully engage in any type of conduct which will contribute to or cause injury to any person, nor shall he willfully place any object in the uphill ski track which will cause another person to fall.

§ 1997. Penalties

Any ski area, its owner, manager and employees, who finds a person in violation of section 1996 shall first issue a verbal warning to said individual and

mark his ski lift ticket to indicate that such a warning has been given. Any person who fails to heed the warning issued by the ski area, its owner, manager or employees shall forfeit his ski lift ticket and be refused issuance of another.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Operators of ski areas are constantly plagued by skiers committing acts as specified above that could result in substantial injury to a number of people. This bill would give them a simple means of controlling these harmful acts.