

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1150

H. P. 958

House of Representatives, March 23, 1977

On motion of Ms. Clark of Freeport, referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Lewis of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Concerning Ski Lift Services.

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA § 357, sub-§ 3, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, § 1, is amended to read:

3. As used in this section, "services" includes, but is not necessarily limited to, labor, professional service, public utility and transportation service, **ski lift service**, restaurant, hotel, motel, tourist cabin, rooming house and like accommodations, the supplying of equipment, tools, vehicles or trailers for temporary use, telephone, telegraph or computer service, gas, electricity, water or steam, admission to entertainment, exhibitions, sporting events or other events **or services** for which a charge is made.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA § 357, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, § 1, is amended to read:

4. Where compensation for service is ordinarily paid immediately upon the rendering of such service, as in the case of hotels, restaurants, **ski lifts or sporting events** and garages, **nonpayment prior to use or enjoyment**, refusal to pay or absconding without payment or offer to pay gives rise to a presumption that the service was obtained by deception.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make it clear that the provision for theft of services was intended to cover this type of theft. The Maine Criminal Code

repealed the Maine statute that made it a crime to use ski lifts without payment for the service. The ski area managers have experienced difficulty in prosecuting people under the new criminal code.