

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Permit Hotel or Motel Managers to Eject Disruptive or Destructive Persons from their Premises and to Require these Persons to Assume Responsibility for any Damages Caused.**

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

30 MRSA § 2854-C is enacted to read:

§ 2854-C. Ejection of disruptive or destructive persons; damage to property

The owner or manager of an inn, hotel, lodging house or boarding house may request that any person on the premises of that establishment who is causing unnecessary disturbance to other persons on the premises or who is damaging or destroying property belonging to or in use by the inn, hotel, lodging house or boarding house leave the premises immediately. If any person who is requested to leave the premises pursuant to this section fails or refuses to do so, the owner or manager may use a reasonable degree of force against that person to the extent that he reasonably believes it necessary to remove that person from the premises.

Any person who is requested to leave the premises of an inn, hotel, lodging house or boarding house or is ejected from the premises pursuant to this section, shall, in addition to any other liability or penalty, be liable for the value of any property belonging to or in use by the inn, hotel, lodging house or boarding house which is damaged or destroyed as a result of his conduct while on the premises or which is damaged or destroyed during his ejection from the premises pursuant to this section.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to give the owner or manager of a hotel, inn, lodging house or boarding house the right to force any person to leave the premises when he is causing damage to the property or is disturbing other patrons unnecessarily. Such customers shall also be liable for any damage caused by their disruptive or destructive behavior.