

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1048

H.P. 776 House of Representatives, April 1, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife  
suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative JACQUES of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT to Protect Landowners from Damage  
2 or Destruction of Trees by Hunters  
3 Maintaining Ladders or Observation Stands.  
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
6 follows:

7 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§16, ¶¶B and C, as  
8 enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, are amended to read:

9 B. Leaves open any gate or bars on another  
10 person's land; or

11 C. Tramples or destroys any crop on another  
12 person's land; or

13 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§16, ¶D is enacted to  
14 read:

1 D. Damages or destroys a tree on another  
2 person's land by inserting into that tree any me-  
3 tallic or ceramic object to be used as, or as  
4 part of, a ladder or observation stand. Any other  
5 type of tree ladder or tree observation stand  
6 shall also be prohibited unless:

7 (1) The written consent of the landowner is  
8 obtained authorizing the erection of such  
9 ladder or stand; or

10 (2) The ladder or observation stand is re-  
11 moved by the beginning of the 10th day fol-  
12 lowing the close of the hunting season for  
13 use during which the ladder or observation  
14 stand was erected.

15 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 This bill prohibits the damaging of trees on an-  
17 other's land by inserting a ceramic or metallic ob-  
18 ject into such tree. Other types of ladders or obser-  
19 vation stands are permitted with the owner's permis-  
20 sion or if removed after hunting season.

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