

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 6, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of Aroostook, Representative DORE of Auburn and Representative TAMMARO of Baileyville.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Concerning Liability with Respect to Sports Officials.



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

3 14 MRSA §169 is enacted to read:

5 **§169. Immunity for sports officials**

7 No athletic official during the officiating of an
9 interscholastic, intercollegiate or any other amateur athletic
11 contest may be held personally liable in any civil action for
13 damages to a player, participant or spectator as a result of the
15 official's acts of commission or omission arising out of
officiating duties and activities. Nothing in this section may
be deemed to grant immunity to an official causing damage to any
person by the official's malicious, willful, wanton or grossly
negligent act.

17 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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21 This bill would exempt sports officials from liability in
23 any action for damages as a result of the official's acts in the
25 course of rendering services. There would be no exemption from
liability for any willful negligence on the part of the official.