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No. 1488

S.P. 568

In Senate, April 11, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

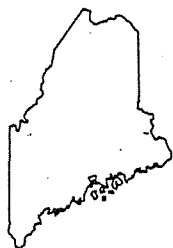
Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec

Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Provide Access for Persons with Physical Disability to the
State's Recreational Areas.**



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

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3 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §602, sub-§19**, as repealed and replaced by PL
4 1987, c. 769, Pt. A, §47, is amended to read:

6 **19. State Park Reservation System.** A State Park
7 Reservation System shall ~~be~~ is established and funded as provided
8 in this subsection.

10 A. The director shall establish a statewide reservation
11 system for overnight camping at state parks with overnight
12 camping facilities incorporating a deposit system and a
13 mechanism for accepting payments by credit card. Baxter
14 State Park, the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and the Public
15 Reserved Lands System are excluded from this system.

16 B. The money for this program shall ~~be~~ is appropriated from
17 the General Fund. A surcharge shall ~~be~~ is collected on all
18 reservations to be deposited in the General Fund.

19 C. The Bureau of Parks and Recreation shall submit a report
20 detailing the effectiveness of the reservation system to the
21 joint standing committee of the Legislature having
22 jurisdiction over energy and natural resources in the Second
23 Regular Session of the 114th Legislature. The committee
24 shall report its findings no later than March 1, 1990+ ;

25 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §602, sub-§20**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 769,
26 Pt. A, §48, is amended to read:

27 **20. Management of ATV's.** To administer the ATV
28 Recreational Management Fund, established under section 7854,
29 subsection 4, for the purposes given in that subsection. The
30 bureau may promulgate rules, in accordance with Title 5, chapter
31 375, subchapter II, for the issuance of grants-in-aid from the
32 fund and to further define alpine tundra areas pursuant to
33 section 7851, subsection 5+ ; and

34 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §602, sub-§21** is enacted to read:

35 **21. Access for persons with physical disability.** Where no
36 other reasonable access is available for persons with physical
37 disability, the bureau shall make available to those persons and
38 one assistant or companion any roadway in or to a state-owned
39 park, memorial, wilderness or natural area or similar
40 recreational area, that has been blocked off or discontinued but
41 that could accommodate or reasonably be upgraded to accommodate
42 access to these lands by persons with physical disability.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 This bill requires the Bureau of Parks and Recreation to
6 facilitate access to public parks and wilderness areas by
 allowing persons with physical disability to access these areas
 over roads previously blocked off.