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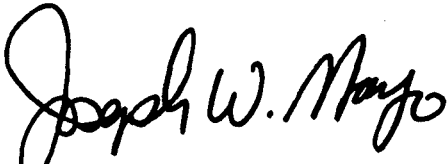
H.P. 1262

House of Representatives, January 30, 1996

**An Act to Improve the Ability of Potential Users of Private Land to Seek
Permission from Landowners.**

Reported by Representative JACQUES for the Commission to Study Trespass Laws
pursuant to Resolve 1995, chapter 53.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and
printing ordered under Joint Rule 20.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§13, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1995, c.
436, §1, is amended to read:

6 A. A program that supports landowners, called the Support
8 Landowners Program. Twelve dollars of each \$15 collected
under section 7101, subsection 5-A, section 7133, subsection
10 4-A and section 7151, subsection 5-A is dedicated to the
Support Landowners Program. The Support Landowners Program
may:

12 (1) Offer a toll-free number for landowner concerns;

14 (2) From among existing staff, appoint a landowner
16 relations coordinator at the Augusta office of the
department and regional landowner relations
18 coordinators at the regional offices;

20 (3) Provide linkage with local conservation
organizations, volunteer groups and advisory groups;

22 (4) Enhance enforcement of trespass, dumping and
24 property damage violations;

26 (5) Provide educational materials and signs; and

28 (6) Coordinate with other related landowner relations
activities, including Landowner Recognition Day; and

30 (7) Encourage landowners who only allow access to
32 their property with permission to conspicuously post
34 signs on the property indicating the name and address
36 of the owner or other person with authority to grant
permission; and

38 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

40 This bill permits the Support Landowners Program within the
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, also known as the
42 Landowner Relations Program, to encourage landowners who allow
access to their property only with permission to conspicuously
44 post signs on the property containing the name and address of the
owner or another person with authority to grant permission.