

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 191

House of Representatives, January 21, 1997

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### An Act to Regulate the Use of Gates on Access Roads to Remote Ponds.

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.  
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and  
Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, CHICK of Lebanon, DUNLAP of Old Town,  
FISHER of Brewer, O'NEAL of Limestone.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §682, sub-§19 is enacted to read:

6 19. Remote pond. "Remote pond" means a lake that has no  
8 road access by 2-wheel drive vehicles during the summer months,  
has no more than one noncommercial camp within 1/2 mile of the  
lake's normal high water mark and supports cold water fisheries.

10 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 685-C, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

12 5-A. Restrictions on limiting access to ponds. When the  
14 Maine Land Use Regulation Commission requires the erection and  
maintenance of a gate or other barrier across a road to limit  
16 access to a remote pond, the commission is responsible for  
erecting and maintaining that gate or barrier. The gate or  
18 barrier may not be erected or maintained at a distance greater  
than 1/2 mile from the normal high water mark of the remote pond.

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22 SUMMARY

24 This bill specifies that, when the Maine Land Use Regulation  
26 Commission requires the erection or maintenance of a barrier  
28 across a road to limit access to a remote pond, the commission is  
responsible for the gate or barrier. The barrier may not be  
erected at a distance greater than 1/2 mile from the remote  
pond. The bill also defines a "remote pond."