

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 254

In Senate, February 6, 1997

**An Act to Establish an Outdoor Recreation Council.**

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Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 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 KILKELLY of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Representative CHICK of Lebanon and  
Senators: MICHAUD of Penobscot, RUHLIN of Penobscot, Representatives: BERRY of  
Livermore, CLARK of Millinocket, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, GOODWIN of Pembroke,  
PERKINS of Penobscot, TRUE of Fryeburg.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:**

6 3-A. Maine Not 12 MRSA  
8 Conservation Outdoor Authorized §611  
Recreation  
Council

10 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §611 is enacted to read:**

12 **§611. Maine Outdoor Recreation Council**

14 1. Advisory council established; compensation. There is  
16 established the Maine Outdoor Recreation Council, referred to in  
this section as the "council." The members of the council  
18 receive no compensation.

20 2. Members. The council consists of the following 13  
members:

22 A. The Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the  
24 Department of Conservation;

26 B. The Director of Information and Education in the  
Department of Conservation;

28 C. The Director of Public Information in the Department of  
30 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;

32 D. The Deputy Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;

34 E. The Director of the State Planning Office in the  
Executive Department;

36 F. One person representing the Office of Tourism and  
38 Community Development in the Department of Economic and  
Community Development appointed by the Commissioner of  
40 Economic and Community Development;

42 G. Three people representing the interests of outdoor  
recreation businesses, appointed by the Governor;

44 H. One person representing the interests of the State's  
sporting camp owners, appointed by the Governor;

46 I. One person representing the interests of large  
48 landowners, appointed by the Governor;

2 J. One person representing the interests of a statewide  
3 organization of sports or outdoor enthusiasts, appointed by  
4 the Governor; and

5 K. One person representing the interests of a statewide  
6 recreationists association, appointed by the Governor.

7 3. Chair. The members of the council shall annually choose  
8 from among themselves a chair who is responsible for conducting  
9 the business of the council.

10 4. Goals. The goals of the council are as follows:

11 A. To serve as a forum on outdoor recreation for State  
12 Government, private landowners, commercial outdoor  
13 recreation providers and outdoor recreationists, and to  
14 foster communication and improve relationships among these  
15 parties;

16 B. To coordinate state policies and programs on outdoor  
17 recreation; and

18 C. To plan and promote outdoor recreation initiatives and  
19 programs, both private and public.

20 5. Report. The council shall submit a report to the  
21 Legislature by December 1st of each year including observations,  
22 evaluations and recommendations approved by a majority of the  
23 council. The council may provide its report to any agency of  
24 State Government potentially affected by the council's  
25 recommendations.

26 6. Assistance. Within available funds, the Department of  
27 Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands shall provide staff  
28 assistance to the council in the conduct of its business.

## 38 SUMMARY

39 40 This bill establishes the Maine Outdoor Recreation Council.  
41 The council consists of 13 members representing State Government,  
42 business interests and various public interests. The council is  
43 established for the purpose of coordinating the development and  
44 promotion of outdoor recreation and facilities in the State.  
45 Members of the council receive no compensation. The council  
46 receives assistance, within available resources, from the  
Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands.