

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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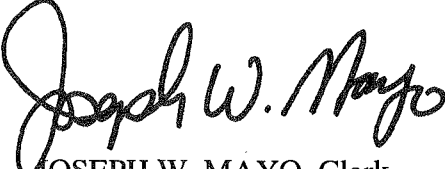
House of Representatives, January 20, 1998

**An Act to Promote Economic Development by Creating a Zone on the Northern Maine Border in which Snowmobiles Registered in New Brunswick or Quebec May Operate.**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BELANGER of Wallagrass.  
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and  
Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, DESMOND of Mapleton, KNEELAND of  
Easton, O'NEAL of Limestone, SIROIS of Caribou, TRUE of Fryeburg, VIGUE of Winslow,  
Senator: CAREY of Kennebec.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7831 is enacted to read:**

6 **§7831. Northern Maine buffer zone**

8 Notwithstanding the registration requirements in this  
10 chapter, there is a 50-mile-wide buffer zone, beginning on the  
12 Quebec and Maine border at Estcourt Station and extending a  
14 distance of 50 miles into Maine perpendicular to the border and  
16 moving eastward within that buffer zone following the Maine and  
Canadian border and ending at the Maine and New Brunswick border  
in the Houlton area, in which a nonresident operator of a  
snowmobile that is properly registered in the adjacent province  
may operate that snowmobile without being registered in this  
State.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill creates a 50-mile buffer zone on the northern  
22 Maine border in which a snowmobile registered in New Brunswick or  
Quebec, but not in this State, may be operated.