

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 195

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

**An Act to Require New and Reconstructed Bridges to Provide for Safe Recreational Use.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMERON of Rumford.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, CLARK of Millinocket,  
CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, DAVIS of Falmouth, DUNLAP of Old Town, GOOLEY of  
Farmington, HEIDRICH of Oxford, JODREY of Bethel.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §354-A is enacted to read:**

6 **§354-A. Recreational access for new and reconstructed bridges**

8 The construction or reconstruction of any bridge in the  
10 State must provide for a sidewalk or lane out of the roadway  
12 dedicated to recreational use and adequate and safe for the  
passage of off-road recreational vehicles. For the purpose of  
this section, "off-road recreational vehicles" includes  
snowmobiles, ATV's and dirt bikes.

14 **SUMMARY**

16 **This bill requires all new bridge construction, as well as**  
18 **reconstruction, to provide for a sidewalk or lane dedicated and**  
20 **adequate for the use of off-road recreational vehicles such as**  
**snowmobiles.**