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## 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 477

S.P. 157

In Senate, January 14, 1999

An Act Requiring Legislative Approval of Ecological Reserves.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln. Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1801, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:
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	4-A. Ecological reserve. "Ecological reserve" means an
6	area of land set aside for a period of one year or more on which
8	human activities are restricted for the purpose of preserving a natural community type, habitat, plant or wildlife species,
O	providing a reference point for scientific evaluation or
10	establishing or maintaining biological diversity.
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-	Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1805 is enacted to read:
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16	§1805. Legislative approval required for establishment of an ecogical reserve
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18	Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, after
	October 1, 1999, an ecological reserve as defined in section
20	1801, subsection 4-A may not be created on land under the
22	jurisdiction of the bureau except by a majority vote of the Legislature.
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26	Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7653-A is enacted to read:
26	\$7653-A. Legislative approval required for establishment of an
28	ecological reserve
30	Notwithstanding the provisions of this subchapter, after
32	October 1, 1999, an ecological reserve may not be created on land under the jurisdiction of the department except by a majority
32	vote of the Legislature. For purposes of this section.
34	"ecological reserve" means an area of land set aside for a period
	of one year or more on which human activities are restricted for
36	the purpose of preserving a natural community type, habitat, plant or wildlife species, providing a reference point for
38	scientific evaluation or establishing or maintaining biological
	diversity.
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42	SUMMARY
44	This bill requires approval of the Legislature for creation

of an ecological reserve on land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Parks and Lands or the Department of Inland Fisheries

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and Wildlife.