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House of Representatives, March 23, 1999

An Act to License Hikers, Canoeists, Kayakers and Off-road Bicyclists.

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 JOY of Crystal.
Cosponsored by Representative TREADWELL of Carmel.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA c. 707, sub-c. IV-B is enacted to read:

6 SUBCHAPTER IV-B

8 RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

10 §7166. Recreational activities

12 1. Recreational activities. A resident or nonresident
14 shall obtain a recreational license pursuant to this section if
16 the person engages in the following recreational activities:

18 A. Hiking;

20 B. Canoeing;

22 C. Kayaking; or

24 D. Off-road bicycling.

26 2. Recreational license; fees. The commissioner shall
28 issue a recreational license to a resident or nonresident
30 pursuant to the schedule of fees as follows:

32 A. Resident junior recreational license, under 16 years of
34 age, \$5;

36 B. Resident recreational license, 16 years of age or older,
38 \$15;

40 C. Nonresident junior recreational license, under 16 years
42 of age, \$20; and

44 D. Nonresident recreational license, 16 years of age or
46 older, \$48.

48 A license issued pursuant to this subsection expires one year
 after the date of issue.

3. Exemptions. The following are exempt from the
 requirements of this section:

A. A person who is hiking, canoeing, kayaking or off-road
 bicycling on property owned by the person or by the person's
 immediate family. "Immediate family" has the same meaning
 as defined in Title 17-A, section 210-A;

2 B. A person who possesses a current and valid hunting or
fishing license issued pursuant to this chapter; or

4 C. A person who possesses a current and valid operator's
license issued pursuant to chapter 715.

6 4. Use of license fees. Notwithstanding section 7074,
8 subsection 3, all funds derived from the sale of licenses under
10 this section may be used only for the costs of trail maintenance
12 and enforcement of this section. The funds must be divided
14 equally between the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks
and Lands and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for
the purposes of this subsection.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill establishes a recreational license to be issued by
20 the Commissioner of Conservation to any resident or nonresident
22 who engages in the recreational activities of hiking, canoeing,
24 kayaking or off-road bicycling in the State. A person is exempt
26 from this requirement if the person is hiking, canoeing, kayaking
28 or off-road bicycling on the land of the person or the person's
30 immediate family or if the person possesses a current and valid
32 hunting or fishing permit or a license to operate a snowmobile or
all-terrain vehicle. Fees for the recreational license range
from \$5 for a resident who is under 16 years of age to \$48 for a
nonresident who is 16 years of age or older. All fees must be
used for trail maintenance and enforcement of this licensing
provision to be divided between the Department of Conservation,
Bureau of Parks and Lands and the Department of Inland Fisheries
and Wildlife.