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No. 824

H.P. 624

House of Representatives, February 15, 2001

An Act to Provide Free Access to Any Great Pond Controlled by a Dam.

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.
Cosponsored by Representative HALL of Bristol, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis,
YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1832, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

4 6. Public access to great ponds. The public must have free
6 access on foot and by vehicle for noncommercial purposes over any
8 road that provides access to any great pond impounded by a dam
10 that is licensed or otherwise authorized by any agency of the
12 State Government or the Federal Government or by authority
14 granted by an Act or resolve of the Legislature.

16 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1846, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

18 6. Public access to great ponds. The public must have free
20 access on foot and by vehicle for noncommercial purposes over any
22 road that provides access to any great pond impounded by a dam
24 that is licensed or otherwise authorized by any agency of the
26 State Government or the Federal Government or by authority
granted by an Act or resolve of the Legislature.

SUMMARY

This bill grants to the public a right-of-way on foot or by vehicle to any great pond in the State that was created by a dam authorized by State Government or Federal Government.