

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1579

S.P. 490

In Senate, March 13, 2001

An Act to Clarify the Unlawful Use of Snowmobile Trails.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, EDMONDS of Cumberland, KNEELAND of Aroostook, SAVAGE of Knox.

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

4 **CONCEPT DRAFT**
6 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

10 This bill proposes to reduce the unauthorized use of
12 licensed snowmobile trails by all-terrain vehicles and other
14 unauthorized users. Current law prohibits the operation of a
16 4-wheel drive vehicle, dune buggy, all-terrain vehicle,
18 motorcycle or any other motor vehicle, other than a snowmobile,
on snowmobile trails unless the use is authorized by the
landowner. This bill would establish such a violation as a crime
of criminal trespass or recreational vehicle trespass. This bill
would also require that such trails be specifically marked,
designating what type of use is allowed by the landowner.