

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 593

In Senate, May 3, 2005

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**An Act To Clarify That Certain Maine Landowner Liability  
Protection Laws Apply to Abandoned Railroad Corridors**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary 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 HOBBS of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham and  
Senators: COWGER of Kennebec, DAMON of Hancock, GAGNON of Kennebec,  
Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, MARLEY of Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §159-A, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 1993, c.  
622, §1, is further amended to read:

6 A. "Premises" means improved and unimproved lands, private  
ways, roads, lands within the right-of-way of a portion of a  
8 railroad line that are used as part of a designated  
10 recreational trail or utility corridors that are used as  
12 part of a designated recreational trail, any buildings or  
structures on those lands and waters standing on, flowing  
through or adjacent to those lands.

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill adds railroad right-of-ways and utility corridors  
18 that are used as part of a designated recreational trail to the  
definition of "premises" in the law that limits a landowner's  
20 liability when allowing recreational activities or harvesting  
activities on the lands.