

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### **An Act To Clarify Land Use Regulation in Unorganized and Deorganized Townships**

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry 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 MILLS of Somerset.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §681, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 569, §1, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 In addition, the Legislature declares it to be in the public interest, for the public  
5 benefit and for the ~~good order of the people of this~~ benefit of the property owners and  
6 residents of the unorganized and deorganized townships of the State, to encourage the  
7 well planned and well managed multiple use of land and resources ~~and~~. The Legislature  
8 acknowledges the importance of these areas to the continued vitality of the State and to  
9 local economies by supporting and promoting forest management and agricultural  
10 activities. Finally, the Legislature desires to encourage the appropriate use of these lands  
11 by the residents of Maine and visitors, in pursuit of outdoor recreation activities,  
12 including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, boating, hiking and camping.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill clarifies the purpose of land use regulation in the unorganized and  
15 deorganized townships of the State by confirming that such regulation is for the benefit of  
16 property owners and residents of these areas, as well as the public benefit. The bill also  
17 provides that the Legislature acknowledges that these areas are important to the continued  
18 vitality of the State and to local economies by promoting forest management and  
19 agricultural activities.