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S.P. 239

In Senate, February 24, 2009

An Act To Enhance Safety on Maine's Bridges

Reference to the Committee on Transportation 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 NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CAREY of Lewiston, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls.

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

2 Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §569 is enacted to read:

3 **§569. Loitering**

4 **1. Loitering prohibited.** A pedestrian may not loiter or remain, without right, on a
5 bridge that has no sidewalk.

6 **2. Penalties.** The penalties under this subsection apply to violations of this section.

7 **A. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of**
8 **not less than \$75 and not more than \$100 may be adjudged.**

9 **B. A person who violates this section after having been adjudicated as having**
10 **violated this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100**
11 **and not more than \$500 may be adjudged.**

12 **C. A person who violates this section after having been adjudicated as having**
13 **violated this section 2 or more times commits a civil violation for which a fine of not**
14 **less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 may be adjudged.**

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill prohibits a pedestrian from loitering or remaining, without right, on a bridge
17 that has no sidewalk. A person who violates the prohibition commits a civil violation for
18 which a fine of not less than \$75 and not more than \$100 may be adjudged for the first
19 violation, a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 may be adjudged for a 2nd
20 violation and a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 may be adjudged for a
21 3rd or subsequent violation. This prohibition is modeled in part on a similar provision for
22 railroad track and railroad bridge safety.