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An Act To Limit Liability for Certain Noncommercial Aviation Activities

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NASS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative BICKFORD of Auburn.

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

2   **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §159-A, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 113, §2, is
3 further amended to read:

4   B.   "Recreational or harvesting activities" means recreational activities conducted
5   out-of-doors, including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, trapping, camping,
6   environmental education and research, hiking, recreational caving, sight-seeing,
7   operating snow-traveling and all-terrain vehicles, skiing, hang-gliding,
8   noncommercial aviation activities, dog sledding, equine activities, boating, sailing,
9   canoeing, rafting, biking, picnicking, swimming or activities involving the harvesting
10   or gathering of forest, field or marine products. It includes entry of, volunteer
11   maintenance and improvement of, use of and passage over premises in order to
12   pursue these activities. "Recreational or harvesting activities" does not include
13   commercial agricultural or timber harvesting.

14   **SUMMARY**

15   This bill amends the landowner recreational liability law to include noncommercial
16 aviation activities in the definition of "recreational or harvesting activities." A landowner
17 who allows recreational or harvesting activities on the landowner's property is not liable
18 for injuries or property damage that happens to those members of the public taking part in
19 that activity.