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In Senate, February 3, 2015

An Act To Allow a Person To Take a 20-minute Break from Monitoring Ice Fishing Lines

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis. (BY REQUEST) Cosponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton and Senators: BURNS of Washington, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, MARTIN of Sinclair, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, WALLACE of Dexter.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12659-A, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2005, c. 477, §18, is further amended to read:
4 5 6	3. Unattended lines. Except as provided in subsection 4, a person licensed to fish shall have all lines under that person's immediate supervision, except that the person may leave those lines unattended for up to 20 minutes every 2 hours.
7 8	A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.
9 10 11	B. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.
12	SUMMARY
13 14	This bill allows a person to leave that person's ice fishing lines unattended for up to 20 minutes every 2 hours.