

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 390

In Senate, March 14, 2019

An Act To Create Certain Recreational Opportunities on State-owned Land

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative COREY of Windham and
Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representative: KESCHL of Belgrade.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1847, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

3 **6. Firearms.** Beginning January 1, 2020, the bureau may develop new, marked
4 hiking trails within the unorganized territory on which loaded firearms are permitted and
5 within 300 feet of which, during the months of October and November, firearms may be
6 discharged. On all other marked hiking trails, including any marked hiking trails in an
7 organized municipality or those in existence prior to January 1, 2020, loaded firearms are
8 not permitted and may not be discharged within 300 feet of the trails. The bureau shall
9 adopt rules implementing this subsection. In adopting rules pursuant to this subsection,
10 the bureau shall take into consideration the history of hunting on the lands on which the
11 trails are located and public safety. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine
12 technical rules as described in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that, beginning January 1, 2020, the Department of Agriculture,
15 Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands may develop new marked hiking
16 trails within the unorganized territory on which loaded firearms are permitted and within
17 300 feet of which, during the months of October and November, firearms may be
18 discharged.