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## An Act to Ensure Maine Residents Have Priority Access to State Park Campsites

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

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. (BY REQUEST) Cosponsored by Senators: HARRINGTON of York, KEIM of Oxford, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, LIBBY of Auburn, WHITE of Guilford.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	<b>Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1827, sub-§1,</b> as enacted by PL 1997, c. 678, §13, is amended to read:
4 5 6 7 8 9 10	<b>1. Reservation system for overnight camping.</b> The director shall establish a statewide reservation system for overnight camping at state parks with overnight camping facilities that incorporates a deposit system and a mechanism for accepting payments by credit card. Nonresidents may not reserve a campsite during the initial 24-hour period a reservation system is open to the public in a calendar year. Baxter State Park, the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and public reserved and nonreserved lands are excluded from this system.
11	SUMMARY
12 13	This bill prohibits nonresidents from reserving a state park campsite during the initial 24-hour period a reservation system is open to the public in a calendar year.