

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

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Reported by a minority of the Committee on Legal Affairs, both majority and minority reports tabled pending acceptance of either report, by Mr. Goudy of South Portland. New draft ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

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### AN ACT Permitting Outdoor Recreation on Sunday.

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

R. S., c. 135, sec. 39, amended, relating to outdoor recreation. Section thirty-nine of chapter one hundred thirty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words:

'to taking part in, or attending as a spectator any form of outdoor recreation except hunting or trapping, which does not take the form of a competitive game or sport and for which no admission is directly or indirectly charged or paid by any participant or spectator and which does not constitute an objectionable source of disturbance to religious gatherings or to the community,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 39. Business travelling; recreation on the Lord's Day; penalty. Whoever, on the Lord's Day, keeps open his shop, workhouse, warehouse, or place of business, travels, or does any work, labor or business on that day, except work of necessity or charity; uses any sport, game, or recreation; or is present at any dancing, public diversion, show or entertainment, encouraging the same, shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten dollars; provided, however, that this section

shall not apply to the operation of common carriers; to the driving of taxicabs and public carriages in attendance upon the arrival or departure of such carriers; to the driving of private automobiles or other vehicles; to the printing and selling of Sunday newspapers; to the keeping open of hotels, restaurants, garages and drug stores; to the selling of gasoline; or to the giving of scientific, philosophical, religious or educational lectures where no admission is charged; to taking part in, or attending as a spectator any form of outdoor recreation except hunting for which no admission is directly or indirectly charged or paid by any participant or spectator and which does not constitute an objectionable source of disturbance to religious gatherings or to the community.'