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**An Act To Protect Recreational Trails on Private Land
by Exempting Certain Information on Recreational
Trails from the Definition of "Public Records"**

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶N, as amended by PL 2005, c. 381, §2, is further amended to read:

N. Social security numbers in the possession of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶O, as amended by PL 2007, c. 597, §1, is further amended to read:

O. Personal contact information concerning public employees, except when that information is public pursuant to other law. For the purposes of this paragraph:

(1) "Personal contact information" means home address, home telephone number, home facsimile number, home e-mail address and personal cellular telephone number and personal pager number; and

(2) "Public employee" means an employee as defined in Title 14, section 8102, subsection 1, except that "public employee" does not include elected officials; and

Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶P is enacted to read:

P. Information in the possession of the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands regarding recreational trails that are located on private land and are authorized voluntarily as such by the landowner with no public deed or guaranteed right of public access.

SUMMARY

This bill exempts from the definition of "public records" information in the possession of the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands regarding recreational trails that are located on private land and are authorized voluntarily as such by the landowner.