

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

S.P. 761 - L.D. 1953

**An Act to Ensure Public Access to Conservation Land by Providing
Protections from Liability to Landowners**

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §159-A, sub-§4, ¶B, as amended by PL 1995, c. 566, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) The landowner or the landowner's agent by the State; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §159-A, sub-§4, ¶B, as amended by PL 1995, c. 566, §1, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) The landowner or grantor who grants, and the holder or grantee who accepts, an easement or other legal instrument that makes an express grant of perpetual public access over premises for the public to pursue recreational or harvesting activities; or

Sec. 3. 14 MRSA §159-A, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Perpetual grant of public access. A landowner or other grantor who grants, and a holder or grantee who accepts, an easement or other legal instrument that includes a perpetual right of public access over premises for the public to pursue one or more recreational or harvesting activities, in reliance on the protections from liability established by this section as they exist at the time of the grant, as evidenced by an instrument recorded in the registry of deeds for the county in which the premises are located, acquires a permanent vested property right to those protections for any rights so granted, which runs to their heirs, successors and assigns.