

Amendment to LD 1093
An Act to Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of
Parks and Lands to Prevent the Use of the Term "State Park" by Nonstate Parks
Proposed by Representative Warren
March 27, 2025

Amend the bill as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1804, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Signage for parks. Ensure that only land classified as a park under subsection 2 is designated as a park and that land designated as a park is designated by appropriate signage and public information, including, but not limited to, promotional materials, brochures and exhibits. This section does not apply to Baxter State Park;

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1809 is enacted to read:

§1809. Nonstate parks

A nonstate park may not use the term "state park" in its name.

For purposes of this section, "nonstate park" means land, other than Baxter State Park, not classified as a state park as provided in section 1804, subsection 2.

Sec. 3. Review of public land signage. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands shall review signage and public information, including, but not limited to, promotional materials for all land under the control of the State to ensure these lands are designated by appropriate signage and public information pertaining to these lands is clear. This section does not apply to Baxter State Park.

Sec. 4. Clarification of nonstate park status. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands shall develop and provide rules, procedures and deadlines to those entities that use the term "state park" that are not state parks to ensure that public materials are labeled in a way that reflects the park's status as a nonstate park, including signage and road sign colors, and those materials must contain a notice that tickets and passes sold by a nonstate park are not transferable to state parks. This section does not apply to Baxter State Park.

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that none of the provisions in the bill apply to Baxter State Park.