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An Act To Set Speed Limits for All-terrain Vehicles on Trails within 50 Yards of a Stream or Pond To Prevent Runoff

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis. Cosponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, HAMPER of Oxford, Representative: KINNEY of Knox.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13157-A, sub-§28 is enacted to read:
3 4 5	28. Speed limits when operating near streams and ponds. A person may not operate an ATV at a speed of more than 15 miles per hour within 50 yards of a stream or pond unless the ground is frozen and sufficiently covered with snow.
6 7	A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500 may be adjudged.
8 9 10	B. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this subsection within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.
11	SUMMARY
12 13 14 15	This bill prohibits the operation of an all-terrain vehicle at a speed of more than 15 miles per hour within 50 yards of a stream or pond, unless the ground is frozen and sufficiently covered with snow. It specifies that a person who violates this prohibition commits a civil violation, except that a person who violates this prohibition after having
16 17	been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more violations of this prohibition within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.