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An Act To Limit Liability for Certain Noncommercial Aviation Activities

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §159-A, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2001, c. 113, §2, is further amended to read:

B. "Recreational or harvesting activities" means recreational activities conducted out-of-doors, including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, environmental education and research, hiking, recreational caving, sight-seeing, operating snow-traveling and all-terrain vehicles, skiing, hang-gliding, noncommercial aviation activities, dog sledding, equine activities, boating, sailing, canoeing, rafting, biking, picnicking, swimming or activities involving the harvesting or gathering of forest, field or marine products. It includes entry of, volunteer maintenance and improvement of, use of and passage over premises in order to pursue these activities. "Recreational or harvesting activities" does not include commercial agricultural or timber harvesting.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the landowner recreational liability law to include noncommercial aviation activities in the definition of "recreational or harvesting activities." A landowner who allows recreational or harvesting activities on the landowner's property is not liable for injuries or property damage that happens to those members of the public taking part in that activity.