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## **An Act To Enhance Safety on Maine's Bridges**

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

**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §569** is enacted to read:

### **§ 569. Loitering**

**1. Loitering prohibited.** A pedestrian may not loiter or remain, without right, on a bridge that has no sidewalk.

**2. Penalties.** The penalties under this subsection apply to violations of this section.

**A.** A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$75 and not more than \$100 may be adjudged.

**B.** A person who violates this section after having been adjudicated as having violated this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 may be adjudged.

**C.** A person who violates this section after having been adjudicated as having violated this section 2 or more times commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 may be adjudged.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits a pedestrian from loitering or remaining, without right, on a bridge that has no sidewalk. A person who violates the prohibition commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$75 and not more than \$100 may be adjudged for the first violation, a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 may be adjudged for a 2nd violation and a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 may be adjudged for a 3rd or subsequent violation. This prohibition is modeled in part on a similar provision for railroad track and railroad bridge safety.