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**An Act To Allow a Person To Take a 20-minute Break from  
Monitoring Ice Fishing Lines**

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis. (BY REQUEST)  
Cosponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton and  
Senators: BURNS of Washington, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: CRAFTS of  
Lisbon, MARTIN of Sinclair, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, WALLACE of Dexter.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12659-A, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 477, §18, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **3. Unattended lines.** Except as provided in subsection 4, a person licensed to fish  
5 shall have all lines under that person's immediate supervision, except that the person may  
6 leave those lines unattended for up to 20 minutes every 2 hours.

7 A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine  
8 of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

9 B. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having  
10 committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period  
11 commits a Class E crime.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill allows a person to leave that person's ice fishing lines unattended for up to  
14 20 minutes every 2 hours.