

**§477. Creation, conveyance, acceptance and duration**

**1. Conservation easement.** Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, a conservation easement may be created, conveyed, recorded, assigned or partially released in the same manner as other easements created by written instrument. A conservation easement may be terminated or amended by the parties only as provided in section 477-A, subsection 2.

[PL 2007, c. 412, §2 (AMD).]

**2. Right or duty.** No right or duty in favor of or against a holder arises under a conservation easement unless it is accepted by the holder and no right in favor of a person having a 3rd-party right of enforcement arises under a conservation easement unless it is accepted by any person having a 3rd-party right of enforcement.

[PL 1985, c. 395, §3 (NEW).]

**3. Limitation.** Except as provided in this subchapter, a conservation easement is unlimited in duration unless:

A. The instrument creating it otherwise provides; or [PL 1985, c. 395, §3 (NEW).]

B. Change of circumstances renders the easement no longer in the public interest as determined by the court as provided in section 477-A, subsection 2, paragraph B in an action under section 478.

[PL 2007, c. 412, §3 (AMD).]

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**4. Interest.** An interest in real property in existence at the time a conservation easement is created shall not be impaired by it unless the owner of the interest is a party to the conservation easement or consents to it.

[PL 1985, c. 395, §3 (NEW).]

**5. Entitled to enter land.** The instrument creating a conservation easement must provide in what manner and at what times representatives of the holder of a conservation easement or of any person having a 3rd-party right of enforcement shall be entitled to enter the land to assure compliance.

[PL 1985, c. 395, §3 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1985, c. 395, §3 (NEW). PL 2007, c. 412, §§2, 3 (AMD).

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