

**§459. Easements and rights-of-way; installation of docks**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Dock" means a platform used for access to a water body or to secure, protect and provide access to a boat or ship. The platform may extend from a shore over the water body or may be a floating platform attached to a mooring. [PL 2017, c. 194, §1 (NEW).]

B. "Easement or right-of-way" means the right of a person to pass over the land of another person. [PL 2017, c. 194, §1 (NEW).]

C. "Water body" means all inland and coastal waters, including but not limited to all ponds, great ponds, lakes, rivers, streams and coastal waters. [PL 2017, c. 194, §1 (NEW).]  
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**2. Easements or rights-of-way established on or after January 1, 2018.** The owner of an easement or right-of-way leading to or touching upon a water body does not have the right by implication to construct a dock on the easement or right-of-way or use the easement or right-of-way to facilitate the construction of a dock on the water body if:

A. The easement or right-of-way is originally established in a written instrument executed on or after January 1, 2018; and [PL 2017, c. 194, §1 (NEW).]

B. The instrument granting or reserving the easement or right-of-way does not expressly include the right to construct a dock on the easement or right-of-way or the right to use the easement or right-of-way to facilitate the construction of a dock on the water body. [PL 2017, c. 194, §1 (NEW).]

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**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2017, c. 194, §1 (NEW).

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