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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Permitting Trials for Petty Offenses Without a Jury.

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

R. S., T. 15, § 1261, additional. Title 15 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1261, to read as follows:

§ 1261. Petty offenses; trial without jury

The Supreme Judicial Court shall by rule establish a procedure to provide for nonjury trials of petty offenses without consent of the defendant. "Petty offenses" are defined as those offenses punishable by fine only and not by imprisonment in which the authorized fine does not exceed \$250, and those offenses punishable by fine or imprisonment or by both in which the authorized fine does not exceed \$250 and the authorized imprisonment does not exceed 90 days and in which the court, in advance of trial, shall have waived its authority to impose a sentence of imprisonment.