

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1698

H. P. 1383

House of Representatives, April 4, 1975

On Motion of Mr. Cooney of Sabattus referred to Committee on Judiciary.
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Laffin of Westbrook.

Cosponsors: Mr. Dam of Skowhegan, Mr. Gould of Old Town, Mr.
MacEachern of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Establish the Death Penalty for any Person who
Murders a Police Officer while Committing a Felony.**

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

17 MRSA § 2651 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 2651. Definition

1. Death by electrocution. Whoever unlawfully kills a police officer with malice aforethought, either express or implied, in the course of committing a felony is guilty of murder and shall be punished by death by electrocution. Police officer shall include state police officers, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, city marshals, deputy marshals and police officers of cities and towns who are killed in the course of performing their official duties.

2. Life imprisonment. Whoever unlawfully kills any other human being with malice aforethought, either express or implied, is guilty of murder and shall be punished by imprisonment for life.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to establish the death penalty for any person who murders, in the course of committing a felony, a police officer.