

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 44

H. P. 27

House of Representatives, January 10, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Laffin of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Establish a Mandatory \$200 Fine for any Minor Convicted of Illegally  
Purchasing Alcoholic Beverages.**

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

**28 MRSA § 303, last ¶, first sentence**, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 23, § 6, is further amended to read:

Any person under the age of 20 years who purchases any intoxicating liquor or any person under the age of 20 years who consumes any intoxicating liquor or has on his ~~or her~~ person any intoxicating liquor in any on-sale premises, or who presents or offers to any licensee, his agent or employee any written or oral evidence of age which is false, fraudulent or not actually his own, for the purpose of ordering, purchasing, attempting to purchase or otherwise procuring or attempting to procure, the serving of any intoxicating liquor, or who has any intoxicating liquor in his possession except in the scope of his or her employment on any street or highway, or in any public place or in any automobile, shall be guilty of a ~~misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 for the first offense, not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for the 2nd offense and \$100 for the 3rd and subsequent offenses~~ **Class E crime, except that any person convicted of this crime shall be punished by a fine of \$200, payment of which shall not be suspended.**

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require that any minor convicted of illegally purchasing, procuring, transporting or possessing liquor shall be subject to a mandatory \$200 fine for each offense.