

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 126

House of Representatives, January 23, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Drinkwater of Belfast.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Reinstating Littering as a Criminal Offense.**

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

**Sec. 1. 17 MRSA § 2264, last ¶, first sentence**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 93, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**Any conduct in violation of this section is a Class E crime.**

**Sec. 2. 17 MRSA § 2264, last ¶, last sentence**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 739, § 8, is amended to read:

In addition thereto, ~~in any court in which a forfeiture is adjudged against any person~~ the judge may direct that person to pick up and remove from any place any or all litter deposited thereon by anyone prior to the date of the adjudication.

**Sec. 3. 17 MRSA § 2265, 3rd ¶, first sentence**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 93, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**Any conduct in violation of this section is a Class E crime.**

**Sec. 4. 17 MRSA § 2265, 3rd ¶, last sentence**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 739, § 10, is amended to read:

In addition thereto, ~~in any court in which a forfeiture is adjudged against any person~~ the judge may direct that person to pick up and remove from any place any or all litter deposited thereon by anyone prior to the date of the adjudication.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to reinstitute littering as a crime.