

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 **Legislative Document**

**No. 1750**

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7 S. P. 747 Office of the Secretary of the Senate  
8 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to  
Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and 1,400  
Ordered Printed.

9 MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate  
10 Presented by Senator Clark of Cumberland.  
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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO  
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17 AN ACT Relating to Detention of Shoplifters.  
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

20 17 MRSA §3521, first ¶, first sentence, as enacted by  
21 PL 1975, c. 543, is amended to read:

22 A store owner, manager or ~~z~~ supervisor or proprietary  
23 security officer may detain on the premises in a reasonable  
24 manner and for a period of time not to exceed 1/2 hour any  
25 person he has probable cause to believe is unlawfully con-  
26 cealing merchandise.

27 STATEMENT OF FACT

28 Whereas proprietary security officers that are assigned  
29 to work shoplifting activities are familiar with the various  
30 laws relating to shoplifting and are trained to enforce

1 these laws, they should be included in Title 17, section  
2 3521. This bill would allow persons who are employed as  
3 security officers to detain up to 1/2 hour persons they have  
4 probable cause to believe are shoplifting.

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