

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-2025

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No. 1773

S.P. 691

In Senate, April 24, 2025

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### **An Act to Criminalize Certain Offenses Related to Gift Card Thefts**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft and

Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec, Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, NUTTING of Oakland.

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

**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §363, sub-§2 is enacted to read:**

2. As used in this section, "retail merchandise" means any product, good or other item of value that is displayed, held, stored or offered by a retailer for retail sale to consumers. "Retail merchandise" includes, but is not limited to, tangible personal property, gift cards, electronics and commodities.

## SUMMARY

This bill enacts a definition of "retail merchandise" to include the theft of gift cards, among other things, in the crime of organized retail theft.