

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 333

S. P. 105

In Senate, January 16, 1963

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Stitham of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Providing for Detention of Suspicious Persons by Police Officers.

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

R. S., c. 147, § 8-A, additional. The Revised Statutes are amended by adding a new section 8-A to read as follows:

'Detention of Suspicious Persons.

Sec. 8-A. Detention of suspicious persons. A police officer may stop any person whom he has reason to suspect is committing, has committed or is about to commit a crime, and may demand of him his name, address, business and where he is going.

Any person so questioned, who fails to identify himself and explain his actions to the satisfaction of the police officer stopping him, may be detained and further questioned and investigated.

In no case shall the total period of detention exceed 4 hours. Such detention shall not constitute an arrest and shall not be recorded as such in any official record. At the end of any such detention period, the person so detained shall be released, unless arrested and charged with a crime.'