

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 131

S. P. 66

In Senate, January 12, 1971

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Harding of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Cheating by False Pretenses.

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

R. S., T. 17, § 1601, amended. Section 1601 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding after the first sentence the following new sentence:

If the signature to any check, draft or order is genuine and there are either insufficient funds or a fictitious account, the offense shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or by both; and refusal of payment shall be prima facie evidence of cheating by false pretenses, provided the maker shall not have paid the drawee or holder thereof the amount due thereon, together with all costs and protest fees, within 5 days after receiving notice that such check, draft or order has not been paid by the drawee.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make certain offenses of cheating by false pretenses misdemeanors.