

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 979

S. P. 333

In Senate, February 24, 1971

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Katz of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Probable Cause Arrests in Misdemeanor Violations.

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

R. S., T. 15, § 704, amended. Section 704 of Title 15 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

Any sheriff, deputy sheriff, municipal or state police officer, if he has probable cause to believe that a misdemeanor has taken place or is taking place, may arrest without a warrant any person for that misdemeanor whether or not that misdemeanor was committed in his presence.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to allow police officers to arrest for probable cause on misdemeanors.