

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 848

House of Representatives, February 25, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bartlett of South Berwick.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Bail Jumping.

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

**R. S., T. 17, § 2957, additional.** Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2957 to read as follows:

**§ 2957. Bail jumping; default in required appearance**

A person set at liberty by court order or by bail commissioner, with or without bail, upon condition that he will subsequently appear at a specified time and place, who, without lawful excuse, willfully fails to appear at that time and place, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year or by a fine of not more than \$300, or by both. If the required appearance was to answer a felony charge, or for disposition of any such charge, and the actor took flight or went into hiding to avoid apprehension, any court appearance or punishment, he shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 5 years. This section does not apply to obligations to appear incident to release under suspended sentence or on probation or parole.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to create a crime against persons who flee the jurisdiction of the court after having been bailed to appear before the court.