

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1164**

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H. P. 851

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. Parks of Presque Isle.

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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 Aiding Injured Persons and Reporting  
Hunting Accidents.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 2953, amended.** Section 2953 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 374 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended by adding after the first sentence a new sentence to read as follows:

**Any sheriff, deputy sheriff, game warden, municipal or State Police Officer, if he has probable cause to believe that a violation of this section has taken place or is taking place, may arrest without a warrant, any person for violation of this section whether or not that violation was committed in his presence.**

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 2954, repealed and replaced.** Section 2954 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**§ 2954. Aiding injured persons; reporting hunting accidents**

**It is unlawful for any person who knows or has reason to know he may have inflicted injury to a human being by gunfire or with a bow and arrow to flee or refuse to make himself known to the victim, or if the injured person shall be unconscious, to give notice by the quickest means of communication, either to a State Police Officer, sheriff, game warden or other law enforcement officer nearest the place wherein the incident occurred.**

**It is unlawful for any person who knows or who has reason to know of the wounding or killing of a human being while hunting, to fail to forthwith**

report the same to a State Police Officer, sheriff, game warden or other law enforcement officer nearest the place wherein the incident occurred.

Any person violating this section shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both, and in addition thereto shall be denied the right to hunt or trap anywhere in the State of Maine with or without license for a period of ten years.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 12, § 2955, repealed. Section 2955 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 315 of the public laws of 1967, is repealed.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to improve the enforceability of the reporting of hunting accident law and the requirement for aiding injured persons, and also to provide a probable cause arrest provision for negligent shooting crimes.