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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
105TH LEGISLATURE

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 963, L. D. 1324, Bill,  
"AN ACT Relating to Definition of Theft by One Renting or Trusted with  
Property."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the Title and inserting  
in place thereof the following:

"AN ACT Relating to Conversion of Leased or Rented Goods."

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after the  
enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'R. S., T. 17, §2109-A, additional. Title 17 of the Revised  
Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2109-A to read as follows:

§2109-A. Conversion of leased or rented goods

Any person who receives physical possession of goods or things of  
value under a written contract or written lease for the purpose of leasing  
or renting the use of the same for a valuable consideration and who  
fraudulently converts the same to his own use shall be deemed guilty of  
a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not  
more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or  
by both. The failure to return to the possession of, or to account for  
said goods or things with, the person who delivered the goods and things  
at the time or in the manner described in said written contract or written  
lease shall be prima facie evidence of intent to fraudulently convert;  
provided that if such person returns to the possession of, or accounts  
for said goods or things with, the person who delivered the same prior

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to the expiration of 10 days after a written demand for the return of  
said goods or things has been mailed by certified or registered United  
States mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the person who  
was so entrusted at his address which is last known to the person  
who delivered the said goods and things, such person who was so entrusted  
shall not be prosecuted under this section; and no prosecution shall  
be instituted or commenced until after the expiration of said period  
of 10 days. The word "person" as used in this section shall include a  
body corporate.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is reflected in the Title, as changed.

Reported by the Committee of Conference.

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