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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Defining the Crime of Theft Known as Shopstealing and
Establishing Rights and Penalties.

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

R. S., T. 17, c. 114, additional. Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended
by adding a new chapter 114, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 114

SHOPSTEALING

§ 3511. Definition

Shopstealing is the wrongful taking of goods, wares or merchandise offered
for sale or on display in any retail store or other mercantile establishment.

§ 3512. Right of detention

Any store proprietor, his agent or employee, who has reasonable grounds
to believe that a person is in the act of committing the crime of shopstealing
may detain such a person in a reasonable manner and for such a reasonable
length of time as shall be necessary to summons a police officer.

§ 3513. Penalty

Any person found guilty of the crime of shopstealing shall be punished by
a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment of not more than one year,
or by both.