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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Bail or Personal Recognizance for Misdemeanors.

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

R. S., T. 14, § 5544, amended. Section 5544 of Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

Any arresting officer may either take any person under arrest for a misdemeanor, excepting persons arrested for violation of Title 17, section 2001, before a bail commissioner, who shall inquire into the charge and pertinent circumstances and admit him to bail if proper, or without fee may take the personal recognizance of any person for his appearance on a misdemeanor charge.

Any person who has been arrested and bailed shall be issued a written summons to appear in court and such person shall give a written promise to the arresting officer or bail commissioner to so appear. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate his written promise to appear in court, either by himself or his attorney. Any person who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or by both.