

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

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H. P. 180

House of Representatives, January 17, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Soulas of Bangor.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Distribution of Advertising Material.**

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

R. S., T. 17, § 3965, additional. Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 3965 to read as follows:

§ 3965. Advertising material

It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute advertising material at a home within the State, other than at the home of the person soliciting the same, by placing such material at the home or on the property of the person owning or occupying the home, unless the person distributing such advertising material obtains the written consent of the person occupying the home. This section shall not apply to the distribution of advertising material through the mail, or to the distribution of advertising material by any charitable organization or by a nonprofit organization.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

It is common practice to have written material, advertising and other literature left on doorsteps of homes, which are carried there by teen-age boys, milk delivery drivers, bread delivery drivers and such. This practice, if continued, would only add to the littering of our streets and also endanger the occupants' homes and add to the increase of burglary.