

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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S. P. 300

In Senate, February 20, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

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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 Fees of Bail Commissioners.

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

R. S., T. 14, § 5542, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 5542 of Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Such bail commissioners shall receive not exceeding the sum of \$5 for the charges pursuant to which the defendant is presently in custody. If a bail commissioner takes bail after 8:00 p.m. and prior to 8:00 a.m. of the following day, he shall be permitted to receive a charge of up to \$10 for the occasion of taking such bail, but the sum of \$10 shall be the maximum amount for the aggregate of all the cases then pending against such person, and said charge shall not be in addition to the charge for the aggregate of all cases then pending otherwise authorized in this section, but shall be inclusive of such charge or charges.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this amendment is to prevent bail commissioners from charging multiple fees to persons charged with crimes arising out of the same incident. When law enforcement officers or prosecutors have brought multiple charges against a single individual, the bail commissioner's duties are no greater than when a single charge has been brought, hence his remuneration likewise should be no greater.