

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1273

H. P. 962

House of Representatives, March 5, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Webber of Belfast by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Penalty for Criminal Trespass in Buildings.

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

R. S., T. 17, § 3854, sub-§ 2, amended. Subsection 2 of section 3854 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 244 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

2. **Entry of certain buildings.** Whoever willfully enters, or attempts to enter, any dwelling house, camp, cottage or locked building, where valuables are kept, without the permission of the owner or occupant thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than ~~\$100~~ \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than ~~90 days~~ 2 years, or by both.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to strengthen the criminal trespass law and to act as a supplement to the Revised Statutes, Title 17, section 754, breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony or larceny, and is aimed specifically at persons caught in the act of breaking into a building, when the criminal intent cannot be proved.