

## ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Presented by Mr. Theriault of Rumford.

## STATE OF MAINE

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

# AN ACT Relating to Penalties for Assaulting or Killing an Officer of the Law.

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

**R. S., T. 17, § 2952, amended.** Section 2952 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end 2 new paragraphs, to read as follows:

Whoever is charged with assault under this section, which leads to conviction, shall forfeit any right he may have had to plead guilty to a lesser charge and shall on the first offense be punished by imprisonment for not less than 30 days, and not less than 11 months for each offense thereafter.

Whoever is charged with killing any officer of the law named in this section shall, upon conviction, forfeit any right he may have had to plead guilty to a lesser charge and shall be sentenced to life imprisonment without parole.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the intent of this Act to preclude pleas of guilty to lesser charges when found guilty of assaulting or killing an officer of the law and to provide stiffer penalties.