

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1702

S. P. 548

In Senate, April 3, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Kidnapping of Minor Child.

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

R. S., T. 17, § 2053, additional. Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2053 to read as follows:

§ 2053. **Keep or conceal minor child from parents**

Every person who shall unlawfully seize, abduct, detain, conceal, take, lead, inveigle or carry away any minor child, or other person legally incapable of exercising his will, with the intent thereby to keep or conceal him from his parents, guardian or legal custodian, or to extort or obtain money or other thing of value for the return or disposition of the child or such other person, or with intent to steal or take any article or other thing on or about the person of the child or such other person, shall be imprisoned for any term of years.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to more definitely describe the crime of keeping or concealing a minor child from his parents or guardian.