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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Criminal Penalties for the Possession, Manufacture
and Cultivation of Cannabis, Mescaline and Peyote.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 2383, sub-§ 1, repealed and replaced. Subsection 1 of section 2383 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 7 of chapter 443 of the public laws of 1969, and as amended by section 2 of chapter 472 of the public laws of 1971, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

1. **Manufacture or possess.** Whoever manufactures, cultivates, grows or has under his control in connection with manufacturing, cultivating or growing Cannabis, Mescaline or Peyote or possesses Mescaline or Peyote, except as authorized by this chapter, shall be punished for the first offense by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and by imprisonment for not more than 11 months; and for any subsequent offense, by a fine of not more than \$2,000 and by imprisonment for not more than 2 years.

Whoever possesses Cannabis, except as authorized by this chapter, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and by imprisonment for not more than 11 months.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this new draft is to make the possession of Cannabis a misdemeanor for any offense subsequent to the first offense as well as for the first offense.