

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 2368**

H. P. 1869

House of Representatives, January 16, 1974

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT** Relating to the Installation of a Uniform Crime-reporting System.

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

R. S., T. 25, § 1542, amended. Section 1542 of Title 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding after the first paragraph a new paragraph to read as follows:

All state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies shall submit to the bureau uniform crime reports setting forth their activities in connection with law enforcement. It shall be the duty of the bureau to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations prescribing the form, general content, time and manner of submission of such uniform crime reports. Willful or repeated failure by any state, county or municipal law enforcement official to submit the uniform crime reports required by law shall constitute neglect of duty in public office. The bureau shall correlate the reports submitted to it and shall compile and submit to the Governor and the Legislature annual reports based on such reports. A copy of such reports shall be furnished to all law enforcement agencies.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title. The bill implements recommendation No. 20, Department of Public Safety, in the Maine Management and Cost Survey Report. The Governor supported this recommendation in his Special Message to the 106th Legislature presented on January 10, 1974.