

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 328

H. P. 274

House of Representatives, January 23, 1975

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

EDWIN H. Pert, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hinds of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Repeal the Statutory Provision Against Suspending a Sentence for Conviction of Assault with a Firearm or Granting Probation from that Sentence.

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

17 MRSA, § 201-A, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 539, § 3, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act will repeal the statutory provision which prohibits a judge from suspending a sentence imposed for a conviction of assault with a firearm, or from granting probation from that type of sentence. A judge who is entrusted with the conduct of our basic processes of justice should not have his hands tied when he is at the sentencing stage of a trial.