

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 355

S. P. 99

In Senate, January 23, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Graffam of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Prohibit Swimming or Diving from a Bridge on a Public Highway.

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

23 MRSA, § 356, is enacted to read:

§ 356. Swimming or diving from bridge on a public highway prohibited

1. Prohibition. No person shall swim or dive from any bridge on any public highway in the State.

2. Penalty. Any person violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50.

STATEMENT OF FACT

A motorist crossing over a highway bridge should not bear the extra burden of looking out for people swimming or diving from the bridge. Such people impede the flow of traffic over highway bridges.

At present, the Department of Transportation places signs on these bridges prohibiting swimming or diving from them, but there is no statute to enforce compliance with these signs.

This law prohibits any person from swimming or diving from any bridge on any public highway in the State.