

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 425**

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H. P. 341

House of Representatives, January 29, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rolde of York.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to Evidence of Stolen Property.**

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

17 MRSA, § 3551, sub-§ 3, is enacted to read:

3. Evidence. Possession of stolen property shall be prima facie evidence of knowledge that it was stolen if the person in possession does not have a bill of sale or mortgage instrument setting forth:

- A. A brief description of the property;
- B. A bona fide identification of the seller or mortgagor;
- C. The seller of mortgagor's warranty of title given under penalties of perjury; and
- D. The signature of the seller or mortgagor.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to strengthen the laws which prevent fencing of stolen goods.