

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Presented by Mr. Faucher of Solon.

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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 to Prohibit a Creditor from Telephoning a Debtor at the Debtor's Place of Employment.

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

9-A MRSA § 5-117 is enacted to read:

#### § 5-117. Telephoning debtor at debtor's place of employment

No creditor subject to this chapter shall telephone, or attempt to telephone, a debtor at his place of employment concerning payment of any debt allegedly owed by that debtor. Any creditor violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$250 or by imprisonment for not more than 5 days, or by both, for each telephone communication, or attempt at telephone communication, which is in violation of this section.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This statute will prevent creditors from harassing debtors by telephoning them at their place of employment. This harassment leads to embarrassment, and occasionally to loss of employment, even though the debtor might not actually owe the money claimed or might have a legitimate reason for not paying the alleged debt.