

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 997

S. P. 283

In Senate, March 11, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Merrill of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Exemption of Law Enforcement Agencies and Courts
under the Human Rights Act.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 4553, sub-§ 7, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 501, § 1, is amended to read:

7. **Person.** "Person" includes one or more individuals, partnerships, associations, organizations, corporations, municipal corporations, legal representatives, trustees, trustees in bankruptcy, receivers and other legal representatives, and includes the State and all agencies thereof ~~excepting all law enforcement agencies and courts of this State and the United States.~~

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 4566, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 501, § 1, is amended to read:

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it has the duty of investigating all forms of invidious discrimination, whether carried out legally or illegally, and whether by public agencies or private persons ~~excepting law enforcement agencies and courts of this State and the United States.~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission received jurisdiction over states and their political subdivisions, including law enforcement agencies and courts, under the 1972 amendments to the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Act. The purpose of this bill is to make the jurisdiction of the State Human Rights Commission concurrent with that of the Federal E.E.O.C.