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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 107TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 452, L.D. 1511, Bill, "AN ACT to Increase the Maximum Penalty for Shoplifting and Provide for the Detainment of Persons Suspected of Shoplifting."

Amend said Amendment in that part designated "§3521." by striking out all of the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following:

'A store owner, manager or supervisor may detain on the premises in a reasonable manner and for a period of time not to exceed 1/2 hour any person he has probable cause to believe is unlawfully concealing merchandise.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide a specific authorization and procedure for the detention of a person who is believed to have unlawfully concealed merchandise in a store by the store owner, manager or supervisor for the purpose of identifying the person and turning him over to a law enforcement officer and to specifically define a reasonable period of detention.

Penobscot

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