

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1645

H. P. 1334

House of Representatives, April 2, 1975

On Motion of Mr. Gauthier of Sanford referred to Committee on Judiciary.  
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Joyce of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to a Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint  
System for use Throughout the State of Maine.

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

29 MRSA § 2301-B is enacted to read:

§ 2301-B. Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint

1. Form. Every law enforcement agency in this State shall use traffic citations in the form known as the Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint, which shall be substantially uniform throughout the State and which shall be issued in books with citations in no less than quadruplicate and meeting the requirements of this chapter.

2. Responsibility for issuance and disposition.

A. The District Court shall be responsible for all Uniform Traffic Tickets and Complaints issued to law enforcement agencies or others.

B. The chief executive officer of every such law enforcement agency or his designate shall be responsible for the further issuance of such books to individual law enforcement officers and for their proper disposition.

3. Illegal disposition. It shall be unlawful and official misconduct for any law enforcement officer or other officer or public employee to dispose of a Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint or any portion thereof or of the record of the issuance thereof in a manner other than as required under rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this section. Any person who solicits or aids in the disposition, or attempted disposition, of a Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint or any portion thereof in any unauthorized manner shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

4. When a lawful complaint. In the event that the traffic citation provided under this section includes information and is sworn to as required under the general laws of this State in respect to a complaint charging commission of the offense alleged in said citation to have been committed, then such citation when filed with a court having jurisdiction shall be deemed a lawful complaint for the purpose of prosecution under this Title.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill establishes a Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint for use by every law enforcement agency in Maine. This Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint should simplify the task of enforcing traffic statutes and ordinances and should speed up the disposition of traffic offenses.