

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 416**

H. P. 325

House of Representatives, February 10, 1977

On motion of Mr. Spencer of Standish, referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dow of West Gardiner.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Repeal the Habitual Offender Law.**

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

29 MRSA c. 18, as amended, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to repeal the law relative to Habitual Offenders.

In order to promote safety upon the highways, the Secretary of State is required to adopt regulations establishing a uniform system of assigning demerit points for convictions or adjudications of violations governing the operation of motor vehicles. Such point system provides the basis for suspensions of licenses and registrations.

In carrying out his responsibility to establish such point system, the Secretary of State is also required to appoint an Advisory and Review Board whose duty is to review the effectiveness of the point system and advise him as to suggested changes.

The administrative and financial impact in preparing and prosecuting the habitual offender cases is not warranted as it is a duplication of activity in view of the fact that these individuals must be processed under the point system.