

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 539**

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H. P. 432

House of Representatives, February 17, 1977

On motion of Mr. Hughes of Auburn, referred to Committee on Judiciary.  
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carey of Waterville.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Examination of Motor Vehicles by Law Enforcement  
Officers.**

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

29 MRSA § 2121, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 731, §§ 57 and 58, is further amended by inserting after the 3rd sentence the following new sentence:

**It shall be unlawful for any law enforcement officer to order the owner or occupant of a motor vehicle out of that vehicle pursuant to this section unless such person has been placed under arrest or the officer reasonably suspects that he, himself, is in danger of life or limb.**

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit a law enforcement officer to order the owner or occupant of a motor vehicle out of that vehicle unless such person has been placed under arrest or the officer reasonably suspects that he, himself, is in danger of life or limb.