

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 668

H. P. 551

House of Representatives, March 1, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Elias of Madison by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide for the Sealing of Displayed Copies of Adult Magazines.

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

17 MRSA § 2906 is enacted to read:

§ 2906. Magazines containing sexual matter to be sealed

1. **Prohibition.** No person shall display for retail sale any book, newspaper or magazine which deals explicitly and expressly with sexual matter unless that book, newspaper or magazine is sealed with a paper seal or plastic cover which prevents it from being opened until it has been purchased.

2. **Civil penalty.** Any person violating subsection 1 shall be subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$250.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide that so-called "adult" magazines which are displayed for retail sale shall be sealed with a paper seal.