

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 771**

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H. P. 630

House of Representatives, March 8, 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. Joyce of Portland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Concerning Warrantless Arrests by a Law Officer.**

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

17-A MRSA § 15, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 740, § 22, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§ 15. Warrantless arrests by a law enforcement officer**

Except as otherwise specifically provided, a law enforcement officer shall have the authority to arrest without a warrant any person who he has probable cause to believe has committed or is committing any crime.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The purpose of this bill is to grant a law enforcement officer the authority to make a warrantless arrest of any person who he has probable cause to believe has committed or is committing a crime.