

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 632

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. Drinkwater of Belfast.

Cosponsors: Mr. Tozier of Unity, Mr. Shute of Stockton Springs, Mrs. Hutchings of Lincolnville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Amend the Criminal Trespass Law to Include the Act of
Unauthorized Entry upon Conspicuously Posted Property.**

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

17-A MRSA § 402, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, § 1, is amended to read:

1. A person is guilty of criminal trespass if, knowing that he is not licensed or privileged to do so:

A. He enters in any secured premises; ~~or~~

B. He remains in any place in defiance of a lawful order to leave which was personally communicated to him by the owner or other authorized person; or

C. He enters in and upon the land of another if that land is posted in a manner prescribed by law or in a manner likely to come to the attention of intruders, except that upon unimproved land a person is subject to criminal action only after a first warning.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to bring the act of unauthorized entry upon conspicuously posted property back to its former criminal status.