

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 780

S. P. 255

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and ordered printed.

In Senate, March 9, 1977

Sent down for concurrence

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Pierce of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Clarify the Law as to Fraud by a Guest or Customer in a Hotel,
Inn, Boarding House or Eating House.**

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 2702 is repealed.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 2703, as amended by PL 1975, c. 295, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 2703. Copies of law posted

Every hotelkeeper, innkeeper or boardinghouse keeper within the State shall keep a copy of Title 17-A, section 357, printed in distinct type, posted in not less than 10 conspicuous places in his hotel, inn, boardinghouse or eating house.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill repeals Title 30, section 2702. That section created certain presumptions of fraudulent intent for purposes of providing the crime of fraud by a guest or customer of a hotel, inn, boardinghouse or eating place. Since that crime has been abolished and replaced with the crime of "theft of services," section 2702 is no longer necessary.

This bill also repeals Title 30, section 2703 which required posting of the law on fraud and replaces it with a requirement that the laws on "theft of services" be posted.