

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1268**

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H. P. 1038

House of Representatives, March 24, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Marshall of Millinocket.

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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 Concerning the Criminal Penalty for the Crime of Deceptive  
Business Practices.**

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

17-A MRSA § 901, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, § 1, is amended to read:

4. Deceptive business practices is a Class ~~E~~ D crime unless the actor has been twice convicted of any combination of violation of this section or theft, in which case it shall be a Class C crime.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would amend the law relating to the penalties for the crime of deceptive business practices. This would provide that a first or 2nd conviction would be a Class D crime and that a 3rd or subsequent conviction for deceptive business practices or theft would be a Class C crime.