

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1077

House of Representatives, March 28, 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 Mrs. Tarr of Bridgton.

Cosponsor: Mrs. Durgin of Kittery.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Providing for Mandatory Driver's License Suspension upon
Conviction of Vandalism.

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA § 805, sub-§ 3 is enacted to read:

3. Driver's license suspension. Any person holding a valid Maine driver's license who is convicted of aggravated criminal mischief shall have that license suspended under Title 29, chapter 17, for a period of 2 years if the conviction is an initial conviction and for a period of 5 years if the conviction is a 2nd or subsequent conviction.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA § 806, sub-§ 3 is enacted to read:

3. Driver's license suspension. Any person holding a valid Maine driver's license who is convicted of criminal mischief shall have that driver's license suspended under Title 29, chapter 17, for a period of 2 years if the conviction is an initial conviction and for a period of 5 years if the conviction is a 2nd or subsequent conviction.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 2247 is enacted to read:

§ 2247. Minor convicted of criminal mischief

Any minor convicted of aggravated criminal mischief or criminal mischief under Title 17-A, sections 805 or 806, shall not be enrolled in any driver's education program offered by the State or any school administrative unit for a period of 2 years following the date of conviction.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Vandalism has become a serious problem in rural Maine. Vandals will often destroy property over a wide area in a short period of time, traveling from one place to another by automobile. One method of attacking the problem of rural vandalism is to remove the driver's license of any person convicted of aggravated criminal mischief or criminal mischief.

This bill provides that any person convicted of aggravated criminal mischief or criminal mischief shall have his driver's license suspended for a period of 2 years following an initial conviction and for a period of 5 years following any subsequent conviction. This bill also prohibits any minor convicted of aggravated criminal mischief or criminal mischief from being enrolled in a driver's education course for 2 years following his conviction.