

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 470

House of Representatives, February 15, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIND H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. MacBride of Presque Isle.

Cosponsors: Mr. Violette of Van Buren, Mr. Stetson of Wiscasset and Mr. Hobbins of Saco.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Prohibit the Possession of Manufactured Items the Serial Numbers of
Which Have Been Altered.**

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

17-A MRSA § 705, sub-§1, ¶ D, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

D. With intent to defraud and to prevent identification:

- (1) He alters, removes or obscures the manufacturer's serial number or any other distinguishing identification number, mark or symbol upon any automobile, snowmobile, outboard motor, motorboat, aircraft or any other vehicle or upon any machine, firearm or other object; or
- (2) He possesses any such object or any such item after that number has been altered, removed or obscured.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill by adding the wording of subparagraph (2), prohibits the possession of manufactured items of which serial numbers have been altered.