

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 769**

H. P. 627

House of Representatives, February 26, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bowden of Brooklin.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Repeal the Criminal History Record Information Act.**

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

**Sec. 1. 16 MRSA c. 3, sub-c. VII**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 763, § 3, and as amended, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 25 MRSA § 2906-A** is enacted to read:

**§ 2906-A. Criminal history regulations**

**The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to adopt regulations applicable to the State Police and all local police agencies in this State restricting the dissemination of criminal history information collected, stored or disseminated through financial support, including funds for the purchase and operation of equipment, furnished by the United States of America pursuant to the United States Code, Title 42, chapter 46. The regulations may conform to the requirements of the United States Code, Title 42, chapter 46, section 3771 (b) and any regulations issued by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration thereunder.**

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill, if enacted, would repeal the Criminal History Record Information Act and replace it with a grant of authority to the Commissioner of Public Safety to issue regulations restricting the dissemination of information collected and stored using federal LEAA grant funds. The present Act applies to all police records in the State. It is unduly complicated and difficult for local police to follow. To qualify for LEAA grant funds Maine need only control the dissemination of information collection and storage of which is paid for by LEAA funds.