

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1553

H. P. 1293

House of Representatives, April 6, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Nelson of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Preventing the Release of Names of Victims of Crimes.

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

15 MRSA c. 107 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 107

PRETRIAL RELEASE OF INFORMATION

§ 1001. Confidentiality of records; access to records

1. Confidentiality. All records and reports, or portions thereof, in the possession or under the control of a district attorney, his assistants or employees, law enforcement official or officer of any court which may directly identify the victim of any offense set out in Title 17-A are deemed confidential and are subject to release only under the conditions set forth in subsection 2.

2. Access to records. The records and reports, or portions thereof, set out in subsection 1 shall only be released:

- A. Pursuant to a court order; or
- B. With the consent of the victim.

3. Penalty. Any person violating this section is guilty of a Class E crime.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the release of the names of victims of crimes, except with the consent of the victim or pursuant to a court order.