

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 168**

H. P. 142

House of Representatives, January 8, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Drinkwater of Belfast.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Reinstating Littering as a Criminal Offense.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 17 MRSA § 2264, last ¶, first sentence, as amended by PL 1977, c. 93, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**Any conduct in violation of this section is a Class E crime.**

**Sec. 2.** 17 MRSA § 2264, last ¶, last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 739, § 8, is amended to read:

In addition thereto, ~~in any court in which a forfeiture is adjudged against any person~~ the judge may direct that person to pick up and remove from any place any or all litter deposited thereon by anyone prior to the date of the adjudication.

**Sec. 3.** 17 MRSA § 2265, 3rd ¶, first sentence, as amended by PL 1977, c. 93, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**Any conduct in violation of this section is a Class E crime.**

**Sec. 4.** 17 MRSA § 2265, 3rd ¶, last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 739, § 10, is amended to read:

In addition thereto, ~~in any court in which a forfeiture is adjudged against any person~~ the judge may direct that person to pick up and remove from any place any or all litter deposited thereon by anyone prior to the date of the adjudication.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to reinstitute littering as a crime.