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SECOND REGULAR SESSION			
00	NE HUNDRED AND	TENTH LEGISLATURE	
Legislative Docur	nent	No.	1874
Joint Rule 26. Referred to and ordered printe	r introduction by the the Committee on Ju	epresentatives, January 26, e Legislative Council pursua udiciary. Sent up for concur EDWIN H. PERT, th of Island Falls.	ant to
	STATE OF	MAINE	
N	IN THE YEAR INETEEN HUNDRE	OF OUR LORD ED AND EIGHTY-TWO	
AN AC	CT Concerning Neg Instrum	gotiating a Worthless nent.	
Be it enacted b	y the People of th	ne State of Maine as fol	lows:
	§1, is amended	ub-§2, ¶B, as enacted d by adding at the end	
of dishonor. enforcement off notarized stat drawee that suf	If the person icer, designated ement from a fficient funds hav	e been deposited with	cer, of t it
that the disho or a notarized paid, not late	nored instrument statement from th er than 24 hour	has been or will be h	onore s be

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §708, sub-§3, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

 As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings:

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill amends the Maine Criminal Code by permitting a law enforcement officer who delivers a notice of dishonor to also serve the recipient with a summons to appear in court to defend against a charge of negotiating a worthless instrument. Present procedure requires a law enforcement officer to locate a defendant twice; once to present him with the notice of dishonor and again to issue a summons if the person has not made good on the check within the 5 days allowed by law. The new procedure added by this bill is identical to the procedure followed under Title 29, section 531-B, of the motor vehicle laws for citing a driver for operating without his license. Under that section, the criminal charge of operating without a license is dismissed if the operator presents his license to the law enforcement officer at least 24 hours before the time set for court.

This bill should lessen the workload of county sheriffs' departments, somewhat, as well as better ensure that individuals who write bad checks are quickly brought to justice.

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