

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(New Title)  
(New Draft of H.P. 531, L.D.684)

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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H.P. 1017 House of Representatives, March 25, 1983  
Reported by Representative Smith from the Committee on Agriculture  
and printed under Joint Rule 2.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Establish Mandatory Minimum  
Fines for Unauthorized Taking of Agricultural  
or Forestry Products.

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

17 MRSA §2511 is enacted to read:

§2511. Unauthorized taking of agricultural or forestry products from farms, gardens, orchards; forfeiture; restitution

Any person who takes without authorization any agricultural or forestry product from a farm, orchard or garden in this State commits a civil violation, if the value of the property so taken does not exceed \$100. Any person who has violated this section shall be assessed a civil penalty of not less than \$50 nor

1 more than \$500. Restitution to the victim in the  
2 amount of 3 times the economic loss may be ordered.

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 This new draft adds gardens and orchards to the  
5 original bill which requires forfeiture for the  
6 unauthorized taking of agricultural and forest prod-  
7 ucts. The fine limits have been amended and restitu-  
8 tion to the victim is included as an additional pos-  
9 sibility for penalty.

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