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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1561

H.P. 1146 House of Representatives, May 14, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Representatives CONLEY of Portland,
MARSANO of Belfast, and Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Concerning Costs for Discovery
Materials in Criminal Proceedings.

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

6 15 MRSA §815 is enacted to read:

7 §815. Discovery at no cost to defendant

8 Materials furnished to criminal defendants under
9 the Maine Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rule 16 shall
10 be provided at no cost to the defendant.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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2 Currently, a person charged with a criminal of-
3 fense who requests pretrial discovery material from
4 the prosecutor's office must generally pay the
5 prosecutor's office a certain amount to reproduce the
6 item. This law would require the prosecutor to fur-
7 nish discovery material to the defendant at no cost
8 to the defendant.

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