

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(New Draft of H.P. 512, L.D. 685)  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1571

H.P. 1156 House of Representatives, May 15, 1987  
Reported by Representative PRIEST from the Committee on  
Legal Affairs and printed under Joint Rule 2.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Original bill sponsored by Representative McSWEENEY of  
Old Orchard Beach. Cosponsored by Representative CONLEY of  
Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Purchase of Alcoholic  
Beverages by Minors.

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

28-A MRSA §2051, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1987,  
c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

2. Violation. Any minor who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture shall be adjudged of not less than \$100 ~~or~~ nor more than \$300 for the first offense; not less than \$200 ~~or~~ nor more than \$500 for the 2nd offense, none of which may be suspended, except as provided in paragraph B; and \$500 for the 3rd and subsequent offenses, none of which may be suspended, except as provided in paragraph B.

1 A. When a person is adjudged to have committed  
2 his first offense under this section, the judge  
3 shall inform that person that the forfeitures for  
4 the 2nd and subsequent offenses are mandatory and  
5 cannot be suspended, except as provided in para-  
6 graph B. Failure to inform the first offender  
7 that subsequent forfeitures are mandatory is not  
8 a ground for suspension of any subsequent forfei-  
9 ture.

10 B. The judge, as an alternative to or in addi-  
11 tion to the civil forfeitures required by this  
12 subsection, may assign the minor to perform spec-  
13 ified work for the benefit of the State, the mu-  
14 nicipality or other public entity or charitable  
15 institution.

16 STATEMENT OF FACT

17 This new draft clarifies that community service  
18 may be assigned at the judge's discretion, and may  
19 serve as an alternative to the civil fines or may be  
20 in addition to the fines.

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