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House of Representatives, February 27, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative GURNEY of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative O'GARA of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend the Law Relating to Obstruction of Public Ways.



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

3 **17-A MRSA §505, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1,
5 is amended to read:

7 1. A person is guilty of obstructing public ways if he the
9 person unreasonably obstructs the free passage of foot or
11 vehicular traffic on any public way,--and--refuses--to--cease--or
remove--the--obstruction--upon--a--lawful--order--to--do--so--given--him--by
a--law--enforcement--officer for an unreasonable period of time,
knowing that the person is not licensed or privileged to do so.

13 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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17 This bill amends the definition of the crime of obstructing
19 public ways by removing the requirement that a law enforcement
21 officer must first order the person to move the obstruction.
This bill bases the crime on the obstructor's knowledge that he
or she has no right to block the way for an unreasonable period
of time.