

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 11, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative KETOVER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative JALBERT of Lisbon and Representative RICHARD of Madison.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Provide for Forfeiture of Altered Radar Detectors and to
Make Possession a Civil Violation.



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

3 **15 MRSA §458 is enacted to read:**

5 **§458. Radar detectors; civil violation; declared contraband**

7 Possession of a radar detector with the manufacturer's
9 serial number or any other distinguishing identification number,
11 mark or symbol having been altered, removed or obscured is a
13 civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$200 may
15 be adjudged. A radar detector, the possession of which would be
17 a civil violation, is declared to be contraband and may be seized
19 by the State.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

19 The hottest item taken in car break-ins is the radar
21 detector. Although to alter or remove the serial number on a
23 radar detector or to possess a radar detector is, under some
circumstances, still a crime, this bill allows the State to seek
a civil penalty which may be indicated when, for example, all
other offenses charged are also civil.