

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROTONDI of Athens.

Cosponsored by Representative JACQUES of Waterville, Senator ERWIN of Oxford and Senator GOULD of Waldo.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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An Act Concerning Wardens of the Department of Inland Fisheries  
and Wildlife.

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

3           **12 MRSA §7053, sub-§2, ¶C-1 is enacted to read:**

5           C-1. Conduct searches of premises where there is probable  
7           cause to believe that evidence of a violation of chapters  
9           701 to 721 is located and seize that evidence. If a search  
11          warrant has been obtained to conduct a search under this  
13          paragraph, if no one is present on the premises at the time  
15          that a game warden seeks to execute the warrant and if the  
            premises are locked, the game warden shall not forcibly  
            enter the premises, but instead may seal the premises from  
            access by anyone. In no circumstances may the game warden  
            destroy private property or leave the premises unlocked;

17                                   **STATEMENT OF FACT**

19           The purpose of this bill is to authorize searches of private  
21           property by game wardens to secure evidence of violations of the  
23           fisheries and wildlife laws, but to ensure that these searches do  
            not damage private property or lead to the damage or theft of the  
            property by others.