

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1990

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H.P. 57

House of Representatives, December 31, 1990

Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec, Representative JOSEPH of Waterville and Representative GEAN of Alfred.

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STATE OF MAINE

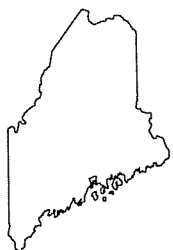
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

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An Act Regarding the Acceptance of Certain Checks.

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

4                   **10 MRSA §1132 is enacted to read:**

6           **§1132. Nonimprinted and low-number checks**

8           A person accepting a negotiable instrument as payment in  
10 full or in part for goods or services may not require that the  
12 instrument have the name of the payor imprinted on it and may not  
require that any specific number of checks have been written on  
the account as indicated by any printed check sequence number  
that appears on the instrument.

14                                   **STATEMENT OF FACT**

16                   This bill prohibits a person from refusing to accept a  
18 so-called "starter check," that is, a negotiable instrument, such  
20 as a check or share draft, not imprinted with the payor's name,  
22 or refusing to accept a negotiable instrument solely because the  
printed sequence number on it indicates that few checks have been  
written previously by the payor on the account.