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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 115

House of Representatives, January 25, 1991

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 O'DEA of Orono.  
Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Augusta.

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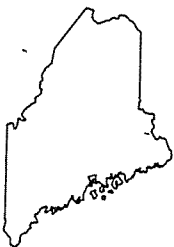
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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An Act to Amend the Penalty Provisions for Theft of Motor Vehicles.

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

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3 Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §362, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499,  
4 §1, is amended to read:

6 1. All violations of this chapter, except for theft of  
7 motor vehicles, shall be are classified, for sentencing purposes,  
8 according to this section. The facts set forth in this section  
9 upon which the classification depends shall must be proved by the  
10 State beyond a reasonable doubt.

12 Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §363 is enacted to read:

14 §363. Classification of motor vehicle theft offenses

16 1. For the purpose of this section, "motor vehicle" means  
17 any automobile, airplane, motorcycle, motorboat, snowmobile and  
18 any other motor-propelled means of transportation.

20 2. Motor vehicle theft offenses are classified according to  
21 this section.

22 3. Theft of a motor vehicle is a Class B crime if:

24 A. The value of the motor vehicle stolen is more than  
25 \$5,000.

28 4. Theft of a motor vehicle is a Class C crime if:

30 A. The value of the motor vehicle stolen is \$5,000 or less.

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34 STATEMENT OF FACT

36 This bill classifies motor vehicle thefts as Class B and  
37 Class C crimes. This makes stealing a motor vehicle a greater  
38 crime than stealing motor vehicle parts. Under current law, it  
39 is a greater crime to steal motor vehicle parts.  
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