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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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S.P. 634

In Senate, April 24, 1991

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec  
Cosponsored by Representative STEVENS of Bangor.

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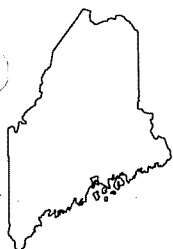
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Solicitation by Law Enforcement  
Officers.

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

4 Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §3702, as amended by PL 1983, c. 330, is  
repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 §3702. Solicitation unlawful

8 A person may not solicit property from the general public  
10 when the property or any part of that property in any way  
12 benefits, is intended to benefit or is represented to be for the  
14 benefit of any law enforcement officer, law enforcement agency or  
law enforcement association. Any violation of this chapter  
constitutes a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act,  
Title 5, chapter 10.

16 Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §3705, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 819, Pt. A,  
18 §56, is repealed.

20 Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §3706, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 653, is  
repealed.

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24 STATEMENT OF FACT

26 This bill repeals all exceptions to the prohibition on  
28 solicitations by law enforcement agencies, officers and  
30 associations. The bill clarifies and reaffirms that the primary  
and compelling purpose underlying the law is to prohibit  
32 solicitations by or on behalf of law enforcement officers and,  
therefore, to eliminate the coercion that the Maine Supreme  
Judicial Court has determined is inherent in such solicitations.