

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1995

Legislative Document

No. 434

S.P. 173

In Senate, February 6, 1995

An Act to Improve Access to Public Records.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PENDEXTER of Cumberland. (BY REQUEST).
Cosponsored by Representative: POIRIER of Saco.

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

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Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 758, is amended to read:

B. Records that would be within the scope of a privilege against discovery or use as evidence recognized by the courts of this State in civil or criminal trials if the records or inspection thereof were sought in the course of a court proceeding, except for records relating to a traffic infraction as defined in Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 85;

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that public records relating to traffic infractions are not exempt from the laws granting public access to public records under the exception for records within the scope of a privilege against discovery or use as evidence in a court of law.