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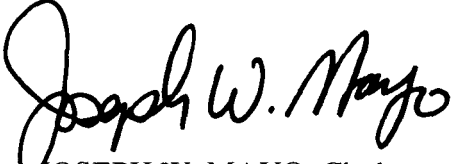
No. 998

H.P. 724

House of Representatives, March 28, 1995

**An Act to Preserve the Confidentiality of Witnesses Providing
Information on the Forest Fire Arson Phone Line.**

Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and
ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GOULD of Greenville.
Cosponsored by Representative: GOOLEY of Farmington, Senators: LORD of York,
MICHAUD of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 16 MRSA §614, sub-§1, first ¶,** as repealed and replaced
by PL 1993, c. 719, §7 and affected by §12, is amended to read:

6 **1. Limitation on dissemination of intelligence and**
7 **investigative information.** Reports or records that contain
8 intelligence and investigative information and that are prepared
9 by, prepared at the direction of or kept in the custody of a
10 local, county or district criminal justice agency; the Bureau of
11 State Police; the Department of the Attorney General; the Maine
12 Drug Enforcement Agency; the Office of State Fire Marshal; the
13 Department of Corrections; ~~or the criminal law enforcement units~~
14 ~~of the Department of Marine Resources or the Department of Inland~~
15 ~~Fisheries and Wildlife; or the Department of Conservation, Forest~~
16 ~~Fire Control Division~~ are confidential and may not be
17 disseminated if there is a reasonable possibility that public
18 release or inspection of the reports or records would:

20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

22 This bill provides that information received by the
23 Department of Conservation, Forest Fire Control Division relating
24 to the cause of forest fires is confidential and may not be
25 released under certain circumstances.
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