

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 812

House of Representatives, March 4, 2003

### An Act Regarding Passing Bad Checks

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative VAUGHAN of Durham.  
Cosponsored by Senator WESTON of Waldo and  
Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, JOY of Crystal, MAKAS of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of  
Lewiston, PEAVEY-HASKELL of Greenbush, THOMPSON of China, WOODBURY of  
Yarmouth, Senator: CARPENTER of York.

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

4 **CONCEPT DRAFT**  
6 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

10 This bill proposes to treat passing a bad check in exchange  
12 for merchandise, regardless of the amount of the check, the same  
14 as the theft of merchandise of a similar value after 3 failed  
16 attempts by the merchant to collect the amount of the check.  
After these 3 attempts, the merchant may report a theft. The  
bill also proposes to permit a merchant to make a black-and-white  
photocopy of a person's driver's license when that person pays by  
check.