

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 922**

S. P. 305

In Senate, February 18, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Butler of Franklin.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Arrests Without Warrant.**

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

**R. S., c. 134, § 4, amended.** Section 4 of chapter 134 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

**'Sec. 4. Arrests without warrant; liability.** Every sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, city or deputy marshal, or police officer shall arrest and detain persons found violating any law of the state or any legal ordinance or by-law of a town until a legal warrant can be obtained **and may arrest and detain such persons against whom a warrant has been issued though the officer does not have the warrant in his possession at the time of the arrest,** and they shall be entitled to legal fees for such service; but if, in so doing, he acts wantonly or oppressively, or detains a person without a warrant longer than is necessary to procure it, he shall be liable to such person for the damages suffered thereby.'