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NINETY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1139

H. P. 1020 House of Representatives, February 25, 1953. Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Unauthorized Use of Communications.

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

R. S., c. 117, § 36, additional. Chapter 117 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 36, to read as follows:

'Unauthorized Use of Communications

Sec. 36. Unauthorized use of communications. No person, not being authorized by the sender, shall intercept any communication by telephone, radio or otherwise and divulge or publish the existence, contents, substance or meaning of such intercepted communication to any person. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the receiving, divulging, publishing on utilizing the contents of any radio or television communication broadcast or transmitted by amateurs or others for the use of the general public. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of \$100 or imprisonment for 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'