

# **129th MAINE LEGISLATURE**

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## An Act To Require Recording of Interviews of Suspects

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

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Presented by Representative WARREN of Hallowell. Cosponsored by Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, COREY of Windham, EVANGELOS of Friendship, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

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

2 Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §458 is enacted to read:

### 3 §458. Recording of suspect interviews

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Any questioning of a person by a law enforcement officer as defined in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 17 who is in custody or otherwise deprived of freedom of action in any significant way must be recorded upon a sound recording device whenever feasible and in any case where questioning occurs at a place of detention.

SUMMARY

9 Current law requires that law enforcement agencies only adopt written policies for 10 the recording of interviews of suspects of serious crimes. This bill requires law 11 enforcement officers to record interviews of suspects in custody or otherwise deprived of 12 freedom of action in any significant way whenever feasible and always where questioning 13 occurs at a place of detention.