

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

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H.P. 611 - L.D. 892

An Act To Amend Certain Laws Affecting the Judicial Branch

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §3147, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 414, §2, is amended to read:

§3147. Payment by credit card

The Judicial Department may implement a procedure for the payment of fines ~~up to~~ \$500 by use of major credit cards and may assess a reasonable fee upon the defendant to cover any administrative expenses incurred in connection with the use of credit cards as a method of paying fines.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §3501, as amended by PL 1983, c. 254, §1, is further amended to read:

§3501. Application of chapter

This chapter ~~shall apply~~ applies to all personal property of which possession is transferred to a police department or other law enforcement agency of the State or any political subdivision thereof, under circumstances supporting a reasonable belief that such property was abandoned, lost or stolen, or otherwise illegally possessed, except property seized during search and retained and ultimately returned, destroyed or otherwise disposed of pursuant to a court order or some other law ~~hereafter~~ applicable to specific property or circumstance. This chapter ~~shall apply~~ applies to personal property seized during search and retained ~~which that~~ that is not offered or admitted as evidence and ~~which that~~ that, after retention by a police department or other law enforcement agency, becomes abandoned. This chapter does not apply to unclaimed personal property that has been confiscated at courthouses by judicial marshals. Such property that remains unclaimed for more than 30 days may be disposed of under the direction of the State Court Administrator.

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2434, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

3. Physical custody of license. Unless the defendant appeals and a stay of execution of the suspension is granted, the court shall take physical custody of a license issued by this State or another state, foreign country or province if that person is residing or employed in this State. The court may take a license issued by another state, foreign country or province if the person is not residing or employed in this State. If the court is unable to take physical custody of the license at the time of sentencing, either because the suspension has been stayed pursuant to subsection 4 or for any other reason, the license is void at such time as is specified in the court order.