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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2235

S. P. 779

In Senate, January 2, 1974

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT Relating to Threatening Communications.

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

R. S., T. 17, § 3701, amended. The first sentence of section 3701 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Whoever makes, publishes or sends to another any communication, written or oral, containing a threat to injure the person or property of any person, **when such offense is of a high and aggravated nature, shall be deemed guilty of a felony and a conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or by both; but when such offense is not of a high and aggravated nature, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to revise the threatening communications laws:

1. If of a high and aggravated nature, to be a felony.
2. If not of a high and aggravated nature, to be a misdemeanor.