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Presented by Senator Danton of York.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Prevent the Biological Parents of Adopted Children from Taking These
Children After They Have Been Adopted.**

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

17-A MRSA § 302, Sub-§ 1, ¶ B-1 is enacted to read:

B-1. Being the parent of a child under the age of 16, he intentionally or knowingly takes, retains or entices that child from the custody of his other parent, guardian or other lawful custodian, in violation of any court order or decree relating to the adoption or custody of that child; or

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make it a criminal offense for the parent of any child to take that child from the custody of the child's guardian, adoptive parents or custodian in violation of a court order or decree for the adoption or custody of that child.