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STATE OF MAINE SENATE (Filing No. S-148) 109TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 253, L.D. 762, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning the Definition of Criminal Mischief under the Maine Criminal Code."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'17-A MRSA §806, sub-§1, \P A, as amended by PL 1975, c. 740, §88, is further amended to read:

A. Damages or destroys the property of another, having no reasonable ground to believe that he has a right to do so; or damages or destroys property to enable any person to collect insurance proceeds for the loss caused; or tampers with the property of another, having no reasonable grounds to believe that he has the right to do so, and thereby impairs the use of that property; or '

Statement of Fact

This amendment broadens the criminal act of tampering defined in the bill to include all property, but requires that the tampering causimpairment of the use of that property. The amendment also removes the classification of this crime as a Class E crime, leaving it as a Class D crime as are all other criminal mischief crimes.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.

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