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House of Representatives, March 18, 2025

An Act Regarding the Required State of Mind Relating to Robbery

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SINCLAIR of Bath.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRS §651, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 157, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 B. The actor intentionally or knowingly threatens to use force against any person
5 present or otherwise intentionally or knowingly places any person present in fear of the
6 imminent use of force with the intent:

7 (1) To prevent or overcome resistance to the taking of the property, or to the
8 retention of the property immediately after the taking; or

9 (2) To compel the person in control of the property to give it up or to engage in
10 other conduct that aids in the taking or carrying away of the property.

11 Violation of this paragraph is a Class B crime;

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill amends Maine’s robbery statute in response to the new federal standard set
14 by *Counterman v. Colorado*, 600 U.S. 66 (2023). The bill requires that an actor must
15 intentionally or knowingly threaten a person while committing theft to have the culpable
16 state of mind to be found criminally liable for robbery.