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S. P. 253

In Senate, February 26, 1979

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

Presented by Senator Shute of Waldo.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Concerning the Definition of Criminal Mischief under the Maine Criminal Code.

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA § 806, sub-§ 1, ¶ C, is enacted to read:

C. Tampers with the motor vehicle of another, having no reasonable ground to believe that he has a right to do so.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA § 806, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Violation of subsection 1, paragraph C, is a Class E crime; otherwise, criminal mischief is a Class D crime.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill broadens the definition of criminal mischief to include unauthorized tampering with another's motor vehicle, and provides that the unauthorized tampering is a Class E crime.

For instance, letting the air out of someone's tires, although it does not damage the vehicle, would be criminal mischief under this bill and would carry the penalty for a Class E crime.